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Text of Libya-Syria merger
Algiers, Damascus exchange messages; Arabs bless union

DAMASCUS, Sept. 12 (AP) — The presidents of Algeria and Syria have exchanged messages, amid speculation the oil-rich state was weighing the feasibility of joining or backing the Syrian-Libyan merger.

Ahmed Taleb Ibrahim, special envoy to Algerian President Benjedid Chadli, delivered his leader's message to Syrian President Hafez Assad who gave him a reply message to Benjedid, according to the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA).

Contents of the two messages were not disclosed, but the agency said these were "related to the merger of Syria and Libya" into a single state.

Syria and Libya proclaimed Wednesday they were merging into a single socialist state.

The merger proclamation meanwhile received additional support from the Arab world Friday.

Prince Salman Bin Abdul Aziz, governor of Riyadh, was quoted as saying the Kingdom blesses the merger. The newspaper *Al-Jedra* said the prince made the comment in response to a question during a discussion he had with Saudi Arabian students studying in the United States.

"The Kingdom blesses the decision by Syria and Libya to merge because both Arabism and Islam call for unity," the prince was quoted as saying.

South Yemen declared support for the union in messages President Ali Nasser Muhammad dispatched to the leaders of Syria and Libya.

The PLO and Algeria already have announced their backing of the merger that is officially described by Syrian and Libyan leaders as a step to consolidate Arab defenses against Israel.

The Syrian official news agency said Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam returned home from the first stage of an Arab world tour that took him to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Khaddam delivered messages from Syrian President Hafez Assad on the union to the heads of state he visited and returned with a message of support from UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahayan, according to the agency.

Khaddam prepared to begin the second stage of his tour by a trip to the Red Sea republics of North and South Yemen Saturday.

The Syrian daily *Tishrin* said in an editorial the merger "heralds the beginning of the end for the Camp David accords" that produced the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

In Amman, the Jordanian independent newspaper *Al-Akhbar* warned that Israel might capitalize on the merger declaration as a pretext to launch a pre-emptive war against Syria. "Signs pointing to the direction are emerging from Israeli official statements that the merger could pose a military threat to Israel," said the newspaper.

Kuwait and Qatar also expressed strong support to Syria and Libya in their efforts to merge and wished them "complete success."

Kuwaiti minister of state of cabinet affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein made the announcement at the airport after the departure of Khaddam who arrived in Kuwait carrying a letter to deputy ruler and Crown Prince Saad al-Abdallah al-Sabah. Kuwait ruler Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah is on a tour in the Far East.

The Qatar News Agency said their apparent Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani told Khaddam his country welcomed the move and hoped for the unity of all Arab states.

Arab press reports praised the union. Beirut's independent daily *Al-Nahar* described the outline of the merger plan as more comprehensive than any previous unity attempts.

The UAE daily *Al-Ithad* voiced apprehension, in view of the failure of previous Arab unity attempts. "All Arabs hope this unity will prove successful," *Al-Ithad* said. "They want it to become an irrevocable step toward unity that will never result in separation."

The Kuwait independent daily *Al-Rai al-Am* called on Arab states to endorse the merger as "the only hope for Arab freedom and dignity." It added "we bless this unity."

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Turkish government toppled

ANKARA, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — A bloodless coup directed by Turkey's generals toppled the civilian government early Friday in a response to Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel's failure to curb political violence and bring the collapsing economy under control.

Military Chief of Staff Gen. Kenan Evran named four other top military leaders to run the country with him and placed Demirel and opposition leader Bulent Ecevit under house arrest. All political activity was suspended and all political party headquarters were seized by soldiers.

News of the coup began circulating in the Turkish capital shortly after midnight. Helicopters were heard clattering above the city and hundreds of troops with armored personnel carriers and tanks cleared the streets.

By dawn the city looked deserted except for troops. A curfew was imposed on the country and all normal activities were canceled. By late morning, some citizens in the capital were venturing out to army-supplied neighborhood bread stores and long lines were forming for food.

Istanbul was called a ghost town by residents contacted. They said worried citizens could be seen peering out of windows. Residents in both cities expressed guarded optimism that Evran's military rule might be able to curb the political murders that have kept the country in turmoil for the past five years.

There have been an estimated 5,000 political murders since 1975 and violence has accelerated in the past month with leftists and rightists killing each other at rates surpassing

Political leaders arrested; curfew imposed; no violence

25 a day.

Western observers here had been watching for a military takeover for months after Evran warned all Turkish constitutional institutions and political parties that political violence must be brought under control.

The military in this strategic North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member began announcing the coup in Ankara shortly before dawn apparently after the tanks had secured Demirel's residence and troops had put him under house arrest. As the broadcasts continued throughout the early morning the military set out a series of dictates. And Evran said the "National Security Council would hold all power until formation of a civilian government."

Evran, also announced on Turkish television that his ruling five-man security council would soon begin work drafting a new constitution paying particular attention to altering the nation's laws on elections and political parties.

Evran, a political moderate, gave no indication when new elections would be held but he promised a return to civilian rule. He also said Turkey would maintain its pro-Western foreign policy and would remain loyal to all its commitments, including those to NATO.

In addition to the arrest of Demirel and

Ecevit, military communiques said Necmettin Erbakan, chairman of the country's small but critical Muslim fundamentalist National Salvation Party, was "under the protection and custody" of the military.

The communiques called for Alpaslan Turkes, leader of the ultra-nationalist Action Party, to turn himself in.

Sources here said military buses were seen rounding up deputies of the National Assembly, lower house of Turkey's parliament.

Other communiques by the military leadership:

— Closed two of three Turkish trade unions. Only the moderate Turkish confederation was left untouched while an extreme leftist and extreme rightist labor group were closed.

— Frontiers were closed and public transportation suspended. Foreign airline crews at one of Ankara's main hotels were delayed in leaving, but the generals said foreign flights would resume soon and that tourists would be free to leave.

Reports reaching the capital indicated there had been no violence in the outlying provinces. Twenty of Turkey's 67 provinces had been under martial law before the coup.

A NATO official told the Associated Press early Friday that the timing of the coup caught most Western observers off guard.

Most Turks refrained from displaying any outright sign of support for the military takeover, but some admitted that it was the last resort to disengage rival extremists who unleashed an undeclared civil war.

"Insh Allah (God willing), the army will make it again," said Serdar Ozdemir, a physician, who said he learned of the coup over the state radio.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Sondra McCarty said "we understand from our embassy there was no violence and no danger to Americans over there." Mrs. McCarty said "We are awaiting more full information."

Sources at the Turkish embassy in Washington said the coup was triggered by the mounting political violence as well as an extended period of political paralysis. Turkey has been without a president since last April.

In Brussels North Atlantic Treaty Organization officials called the coup "strictly an internal matter." Friday but reiterated their belief that a strong, stable and violence-free Turkey is mandatory for the Western alliance.

A NATO spokesman issued an official "no comment," about the bloodless coup. In private, members of NATO's 15 national delegations said events in Turkey were being watched closely and that the alliance's greatest fear was a violent reaction to the military takeover.

One official said NATO planners were hoping the coup would run the same course as military takeover in Turkey in 1960 and 1971: swift restoration of order and eventual return of civilian control.

However maneuvers in Turkey involving 3,000 NATO troops will continue, a spokes-



Gen. Kenan Evran

man for the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) said Friday in Casseau, Belgium.

He said the maneuvers, which began Thursday and form part of NATO's annual exercises, would go ahead as scheduled.

In Copenhagen Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen said Friday the military takeover in Turkey came as no surprise. But he called for "an early return to democratic rule, not least in view of Turkey's membership of the NATO alliance."

In Bonn, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher appealed to the NATO ally to return to normal and democratic conditions as quickly as possible.

Hans Matthoefer, Bonn's finance minister, sharply criticized the detention of democratic political leaders by the military. He suggested they would have been well advised to have formed an emergency coalition prior to the takeover.

In Athens, the Greek government Friday denied rumors that the Greek army was alerted following the military coup in Turkey. Relations between the two countries are often strained over such issues as Cyprus, where populations of Greek and Turkish origin are in conflict.

Meanwhile the Turkish occupied northern part of war-divided Cyprus remained calm Friday. The estimated 25,000 Turkish troops remained in their barracks and shops and offices in the Turkish Cypriot region under their control opened for business as usual.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass reported the coup with no comment except acknowledgment of a long period of political instability, violence and economic crisis in that country.

In an report from Ankara, Tass simply announced "the establishment of military and political control of the country by the armed forces" and added that the people had been "asked by a radio appeal to stay calm and remain at home."



Yehuda Blum



Clovis Maksoud

Blum protests PLO power; Israel's status questioned

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 12 (AP) — Yehuda Z. Blum, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, complains that the Palestine Liberation Organization has gained a powerful hold over the world body, even though only having observer status.

"It is one of the ironies of the situation here at the United Nations that the PLO, which has been granted observer rights in violation of the charter, is now in such a powerful parliamentary position at the U.N. I think it's easier for the PLO to put together a majority of the U.N. members than for the United States," Blum said in an interview with the Associated Press.

"It was" he claimed, "a measure of the decline of the United Nations that the leading terrorist organization in our world should have acquired such a hold over the leading international body."

Now, the PLO and its Arab supporters are serving notice of a possible challenge to Israel's U.N. credentials at the fall session of the General Assembly, which opens next Tuesday. But American, Third World and U.N. officials doubt such a move would have a chance of success.

The PLO was granted observer status by the U.N. General Assembly in 1974 over the objections of Israel. The United States and its

European allies were on the short end of a 95-17 vote in favor of the PLO.

As an observer, the PLO has a right to speak in U.N. debates on issues of direct concern. But it cannot vote and does not pay U.N. dues.

Last month, the PLO observer mission demonstrated its growing influence by playing a leading role in lobbying through a Security Council resolution that censured Israel for making all of Jerusalem the capital of the Jewish state.

To Blum's and Israel's bitter disappointment, the United States abstained and allowed the resolution to pass by a 14-0 vote. U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie personally withheld an American veto even though he admonished the council that the resolution was "fundamentally flawed" because it censured only the Jewish state without condemning "violence against Israel."

Blum, a professor in international law on leave from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, objected in the interview that "if you have a resolution which is fundamentally flawed, then you vote against it. But the United States abstained. That is something I call inconsistency."

Meanwhile Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's U.N. observer, said Thursday that the Arabs had "under active consideration" the idea of challenging Israel's credentials in the General Assembly on the grounds that it is violating many resolutions of the United Nations.

Such a move could mean expulsion of the Israeli delegation from the assembly's three-month annual session to start next Tuesday. The South African delegation was expelled from the 1974 session when other African states successfully challenged its credentials.

Maksoud brought up the possibility of a similar move against Israel at a news conference at which he attacked the reported recent agreement for resumption of Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian autonomy, saying it was an effort to pre-empt U.N. resolutions spelling out Palestinian rights.

He said Israel had violated U.N. resolutions by, among other things, declaring East Jerusalem its capital, starting Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories and making raids on southern Lebanon.

In a later telephone interview, Maksoud said the Arabs were considering what time during the course of the assembly session would be the best time to challenge Israel's

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Taher tells energy conference

No decision on oil output level

MUNICH, Sept. 12 (R) — Saudi Arabia has yet to decide whether to cut its production in the last quarter of 1980 from the present high level of 9.5 million barrels a day, Abdul Hadi Taher governor of the Saudi state petroleum company Petromin said here Thursday.

Reporters asked him whether such a cut, at least down to the preferred Saudi output ceiling of 8.5 million barrels a day, would not be logical in view of a present glut on the market.

"It is not a question of logic or even of economics but of what happens in OPEC," Taher said.

Taher also told the 11th World Energy Conference here that he did not think it was possible to have a two-tier price system for oil which would give a cheaper rate for developing countries.

The Saudis have been keeping output high, they explained, in order to stabilize the oil market. Now that the scramble for high prices of 1979 and early 1980 has halted they want to return the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to a unified pricing structure.

Taher was asked whether next week's meeting of OPEC oil, finance and foreign



Abdul Hadi Taher ministers in Vienna would agree on a unified price, opening the way to a Saudi production cut.

"That is highly speculative," said the Saudi official, who is also a government minister of state. But he said there are signs OPEC is moving in the right direction.

The Saudis increased production from their

preferred ceiling to 8.5 million barrels a day last year after a post-revolution slump in Iranian exports created an oil shortage.

In formal remarks to the conference, Taher renewed Saudi criticism of Western oil stockpiling. "You can hardly come and complain about prices when at the same time you put pressure on the market by stockpiling. Stockpiling did a great deal of harm to the market last year," he said.

"While Saudi Arabia was trying to moderate the market, consumers were working the other way."

Saudi Arabia seeks a return to a unified price, abandoned in favor of a free-for-all last year, as a basis for a new long-term pricing formula under which gradual increases would be in part linked with inflation.

The financial plight of the oil-importing developing countries has been a major theme at the conference. Taher told the conference a two-tier price with cheaper rate for developing countries for crude from (OPEC) was not possible "and we have to work in the world of the possible."

But he said OPEC was working on finding ways of helping Third World states finance oil imports. "In essence, this is not a two-tier price but ultimately oil will cost them less," he said.

Questioned by reporters later, he also said OPEC countries were likely to respond favorably to the idea of a World Bank subsidiary to lend money for energy projects in the Third World.

Asked whether Saudi Arabia and other oil exporters would provide funds for the projects, he said: "I cannot say but I think the response will be favorable."

The World Bank already plans to invest \$13 billion in energy projects in the Third World during the next five years. Bank officials explained that new studies indicated it would be desirable to raise the sum to \$25 billion, and the proposed International Energy Corporation (IEC) would be created to handle this sum.

Trade with Singapore totals \$2.3 billion

RIYADH, Sept. 12 (AFP) — Trade between Singapore and Saudi Arabia totalled some \$2.3 billion last year, Singapore Foreign Minister S. G. Rajaratnam said in an interview with the newspaper *Al-Bilad* published here.

He also said: "Singapore offers vast scope for Arab capital investment in our various industries."

Rajaratnam said officials of the two countries' Chambers of Commerce and Industry would meet shortly to study closer business links. His interview appeared as he was visiting Baghdad. He was in Saudi Arabia from Aug. 22 to 25.



MECCA: Pilgrims swarm through the streets of Mecca during last year's haj season. Some pilgrims have arrived this year in anticipation of the haj.

Southeast Asian Muslims preparing for pilgrimage

By Kenneth L. Whiting

JAKARTA, Sept. 12 (AP) — More than 100,000 Muslims from Southeast Asia are expected to make the haj, the pilgrimage to Mecca, this year.

Some 75,000 are expected to leave Indonesia alone in what officials say may be the largest peace-time airlift ever. It would surpass the previous record of 73,000 from the world's most populous Muslim nation. About 90 per cent of Indonesia's 144 million people are Muslim.

Malaysia has made arrangements for 14,155 haj travelers through its Pilgrim's Fund and Management Board (Tabung Haji), according to officials in Kuala Lumpur. Hundreds of others from both countries will make the trip on their own, joining thousands of Muslims from the rest of the region.

Last year more than 41,000 Indonesian pilgrims were flown to Mecca and returned in 60 days. This year Indonesia's Garuda Airline has three new Boeing 747s, each ready to carry 540 passengers at a time. Garuda's DC-10s and aircraft chartered from other firms will also be used in flights starting Sept. 16 from two airports in Sumatra and one in south Sulawesi.

An advance staff of 301 from Indonesia will handle arrangements in Saudi Arabia, said a spokesman for the religious affairs ministry.

A 50-member medical and welfare team was assembled to care for the Indonesian pilgrims.

Devout Muslims are expected to perform the haj at least once in their lifetime. It is the pinnacle of their spiritual life and also gives a measure of status in secular circles. The title hajj before their names identifies those who

have made the religious trip. Those traveling independently can expect no help from the Tabung Haji, director general Haji Hanafiah Ahmad said.

"I hope these people would think twice before making their final decision...If anything happens to them there, the board will not be responsible because we are not informed of their going."

Before government-backed organizations took over the planning, the haj could mean hardship. Some pilgrims were stranded far from home. The relatively high cost of the trip for rice farmers and others of modest means often meant that new hajis were broke by the time they got back.

Malaysia launched Tabung Haji more than 20 years ago. A presidential decree put Indonesia's haj operations in government hands in 1969. Both have become big businesses.

More than 62.5 billion rupiah (about \$100 million) was generated by Indonesian pilgrims last year. Tabung Haji is estimated to have assets worth more than 328 million Malaysian dollars (\$154.3 million) and more than 350,000 depositors.

Malaysian Muslims formerly kept their savings as cash or in land or livestock. The founders of Tabung Haji had to get special clearance from religious leaders, including the grand mufti of Egypt, before they could invest deposits.

Indonesian hajis last year paid a minimum 1.48 million rupiah (\$2,368) each, a special low rate for those who got the final installment in at least three months before takeoff. Officials said 652,500 rupiah (\$1,044) went toward air travel and the rest for facilities in Saudi Arabia.

Simulator to help train Saudia pilots

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — Saudia, the national carrier, has received a TriStar simulator for training pilots on the TriStar planes. The simulator has been installed at the ninth air training center of Saudia here, according to an official of Saudia public relations Friday.

The simulator, that resembles a TriStar cockpit, has a visual system that displays take-off and landing scenes of airports for the pilots. In addition to the take-off and landing scenes, the simulator has a device that shows trainees such various weather conditions as the height of clouds, limited vision, diverse

weather, flying at sunset, at night and so forth.

The simulator gives pilots a sense of movement, similar to the real movement of airplanes during take-off and landing through a special device. It also features the simulation of technical failures, emergencies like fires, electric shock, engine or any other device failure, with sound, movement and vision. It gives pilots a true picture, training them on how to manage various situations.

The official said the simulator is one of the latest achievements of aviation technology.

BRIEFS

Dammam Mayor assists in public health.

DAMMAM, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Mayor of Dammam Zayed Fahd Al-Sukaibi at a meeting with officials of a national company involved in the cleaning of the city and spraying insecticides to protect the public health promised to help them perform their work. He called on the public to maintain the cleanliness of their city and not to throw garbage in the streets. This instructions have been circulated to all parts of the city, and offenders will be punished, Sukaibi warned.

New bus routes for Riyadh

RIYADH, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company will start operating in Buraidah and Unaizah as of Saturday. SAPTCO buses will run three routes no. 50, 51 and 81. Routes 50 and 51 will run between Qassim airport and Buraidah, and Qassim airport and Unaizah, respectively. Route no. 81 runs between the center of Buraidah and Unaizah at the fare of SR5. To and from Qassim airport and the two towns will cost SR8.

New regulations for loans

DAMMAM, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Credit Bank in Dammam has begun granting loans according to the new regulation regarding marriage, renovation and technical skills loans. Saudi Credit Bank Director Abdullah Al-Shiba said that people whose monthly income does not exceed SR3,000 will be granted SR15,000 loans for marriage and SR30,000 for renovation and professional skills, according to the new rules.

Welfare foundation receives more donations.

RIYADH, Sept. 12 (SPA) — King Faisal Welfare Foundation has received more donations totalling to SR520,000. Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan donated SR500,000; Sheikh Shaker Shakour and Sheikh Ahmad Al-Harthi, SR10,000; and Sheikh Said Fareh Al-Garni, SR10,000.

More land granted to farmers

ZALFI, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Agricultural Unit in Zalfi granted 10 land plots of 50 Donum each to farmers in the area. The un-

its director, Saud Al-Tayyar, has said that the unit distributed to citizen 150 land pieces now being cultivated. The agricultural land distribution system is based on granting land ready for cultivation on the condition that it is utilized during a specific period.

More choice for flour retailers

DAMMAM, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization's factory here will be soon producing one and two kilo packages of flour for marketing. The factory has produced 113,000 tons of various types of flour since its establishment in 1978, according to Abdullah Al-Ribayan, the factory's director.

Chinese Muslims see Fahd; give jihad pledge

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 (CNA) — Crown Prince Fahd, Wednesday received in Taif a group of Chinese Muslims who have pledged to put their lives and property at the disposal of the Saudi Arabian government in support of the crown prince's call for jihad.

Abdul Rahman, head of the group, presented to the viceroy a petition signed by 177 Chinese Muslims living in the Kingdom to express their support to the prince's call and their readiness to follow the Saudi government in a holy war to restore the glory of Islam.

They renew in the petition the pledge, loyalty and obedience of the Chinese community in Taif to the Saudi government under the wise leadership of King Khalid.

In connection with the declaration of jihad, they say, they raise their hands toward Allah praying for the King's long life and putting themselves and their property at the disposal of his majesty's government.

They stress that they are waiting for his majesty's call and order.

The crown prince praised the action of the Chinese Muslims in the Kingdom and expressed his appreciation for their support to his call for jihad.

COMMENT

By Nasser Jassir Nasser

Al-Jazirah

The call for Arab and Islamic solidarity has begun to show its good effect at all Arab, Islamic and international levels. It has consolidated the bonds of friendship among the Arab and Islamic nation and has boosted positive and constructive cooperation among them. It is only through solidarity that the Arab and Islamic world has reinforced itself and earned international respect and admiration at different levels.

The Arab and Islamic nation forms a stupendous force which can be largely instrumental in realizing the hopes and aspirations of the Arabs and Muslims everywhere. The force and effectiveness of solidarity has been seen in many fields, most prominent of these was reflected in the bold stance that Arabs and Muslims adopted following the Israeli decision to make Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

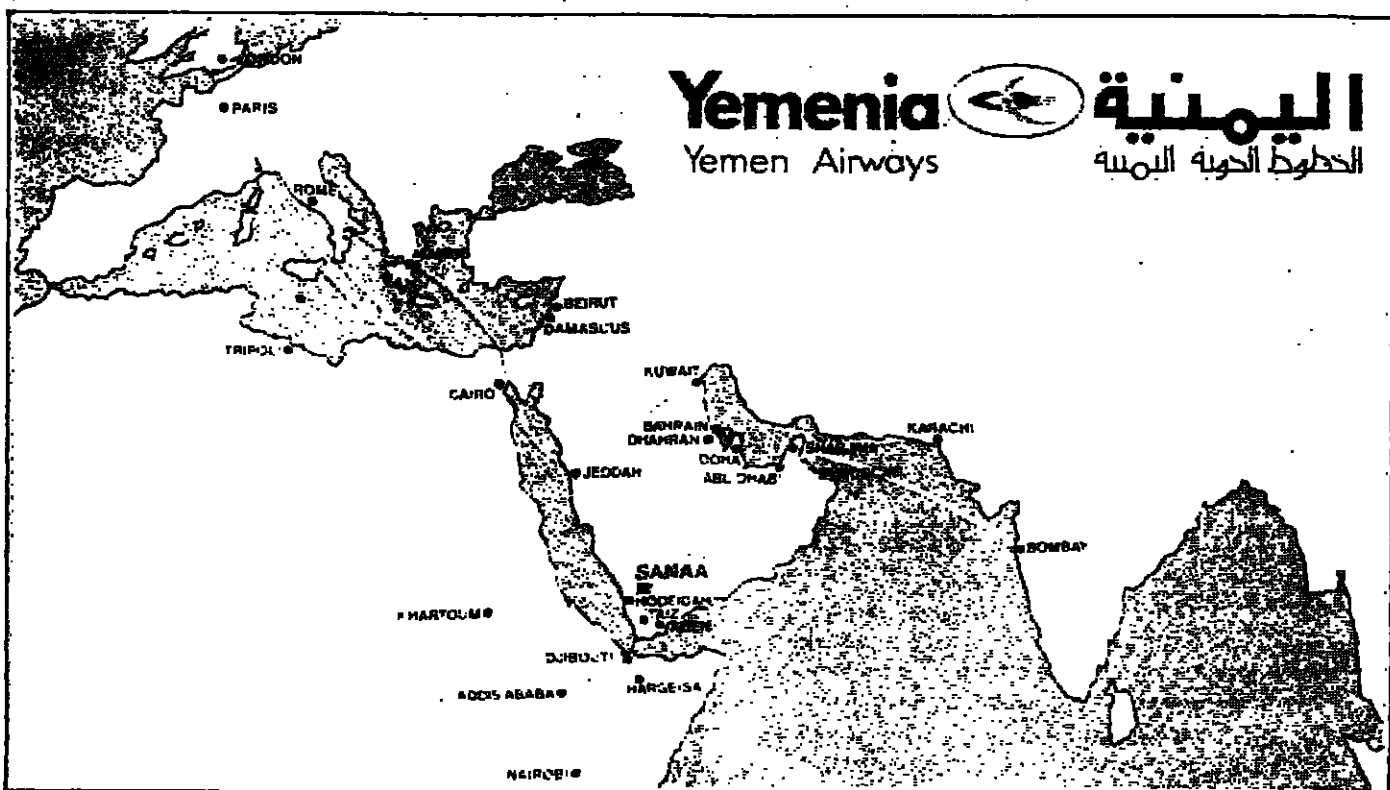
Arabs and Muslims were shocked by the Zionist decision and, therefore, stood as one to face the Israeli challenge. They held meetings and conferences to condemn the act of Israel. They raised their voice at the U.N. Security Council, which adopted a firm resolution in which it condemned Israel and urged other nations to withdraw their representatives from Jerusalem. The unanimous resolution of the Security Council proved the Arab and Islamic nation's victory, which they achieved as a result of their unity and solidarity.

The world body's resolution showed its effect, as the foreign missions started moving from Jerusalem one after the other. Israel was badly jolted when Holland announced its decision to shift its embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. The jolt was significant because Holland was known for its sympathy and support for Israel. The Dutch consul in Jeddah himself stated that his country took the decision out of respect for the concern the Arabs and Muslims had shown to the Dutch government over the Israeli decision to annex Jerusalem.

The Arab and Islamic stance was further reinforced following the bold step taken by Saudi Arabia and Iraq to sever diplomatic relations with any country that recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The Arab and Islamic states have made the world condemn the Israeli decision on Jerusalem. They can foil all Zionist attempts and can even restore the usurped land only if they remain united and work in complete coherence and solidarity.

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Neither side softens position

Peace talks on Western Sahara in critical stage

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, Sept. 12 (R) — Peace talks on the Western Sahara conflict reached a critical stage here Thursday, but a settlement appeared unlikely. As an Organization of African Unity (OAU) committee considered testimony from the parties involved, diplomatic observers said neither side had softened its position and the conference atmosphere was bad.

The Moroccan army has been fighting a desert war for four years against Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas who want to establish an independent state in the former Spanish colony. Morocco has been losing diplomatic ground on the issue. More than half of the OAU's 50 member states recognized Polisario's self-proclaimed "Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic" at the organization's last summit here in July.

There was a noticeable tightening of security at the Freetown conference center as the 14 different parties went before the OAU "wisemen committee" on the Western Sahara to present their case.

The six-nation committee first saw representatives of Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco and the Polisario and later received representatives of 10 pro-Moroccan bodies from the Western Sahara.

Morocco took over the northern part of the Western Sahara after an agreement with Spain in 1976. It has ruled the southern part, given to Mauritania by the Spanish, since last year when Mauritania signed a peace treaty with the Polisario and withdrew from the war.

For Morocco, Prime Minister Maati Bouabid delivered a speech in which he criticized Sierra Leone, Mali and Tanzania — three members of the committee — for their lack of neutrality. All three have recognized the Polisario's republic.

According to the text of his speech made available by the Moroccans, Bouabid said Morocco was persuaded that the three countries would reconsider their positions in the interest of neutrality.

President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone is the current chairman of the OAU, which favors a referendum in the Western Sahara.

Ends Indian visit

Kuwaiti ruler in Bangladesh to improve mutual relations

DACCA, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Ahmad al-Sabah, was given a red carpet welcome when he arrived in Dacca Thursday for a three-day state visit to Bangladesh. The ruler, who arrived from New Delhi, is on a six-nation Asian tour, and will have two rounds of talks with President Ziaur Rahman on expanding bilateral relations and on international issues affecting the two nations.

A 21-gun salute was fired when the ruler alighted from his special plane to be greeted by President Ziaur Rahman. Diplomatic observers noted that the ruler's tour include the littoral state of the Indian Ocean which are vocal about making the area a zone of peace.

This demand accord with Kuwait's concern to ensure the security of the Gulf states, particularly after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

A foreign office spokesman told reporters Thursday that Bangladesh and Kuwait had broad similarities in their foreign policies. As members of the Islamic conference and of the non-aligned group they had demanded the immediate pullout of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

The talks were expected to last more than three hours and the spokesman indicated that the two leaders would mostly discuss bilateral economic cooperation.

Kuwait has loaned Bangladesh \$59 million since 1975, repayable over 25 years with 1.5 per cent interest for linking the power grids of northern and eastern Bangladesh and also for two power-driven irrigation projects.

Kuwait and Bangladesh will sign Saturday an agreement for setting up a joint ministerial commission designed to strengthen their bilateral cooperations. The two countries will also sign a protocol which will stipulate the pay and services of nearly 200 officers and men of the Bangladesh Air Force who are now working in the Kuwait Air Force and its civil aviation departments.

A third agreement permits the two countries to fly their national airlines to each other's capital. Kuwait has already told Bangladesh that its airline would start commercial service through Dacca from the first week of November.

Observers in Dacca believe that President Ziaur Rahman will ask the ruler of Kuwait for an accelerated financial assistance to help build a 125 megawatt nuclear power plant in Rooppur in northern Bangladesh.

France has already agreed to provide technology and equipment provided Dacca can mobilize the \$600 million cost.

Singapore's aide describes Soviets as evil force

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 12 (R) — Singapore's second Deputy Prime Minister in charge of foreign affairs S. G. Ramaswami Rajaratnam Thursday described the Soviet Union as an "evil force" responsible for driving out refugees from Afghanistan and Kampuchea, the Associated Press of Pakistan News reported.

The agency said Rajaratnam referred to the condition of Kampuchean refugees while visiting an Afghan refugee camp near Heshwar, the capital of the northwest frontier province.

"We are united against the same enemy," the agency quoted him as telling a group of refugees. Earlier Pakistani sources said Rajaratnam held talks in Islamabad with Pakistani officials on developments in Afghanistan and Kampuchea and the Middle East situation.

The sources said the two sides had agreed that foreign military intervention in Afghanistan and Kampuchea had to be brought to an early end. They had emphasized that the nonaligned status of these two countries had to be restored and their peoples enabled to decide their own destiny free from "foreign intervention, domination and coercion."

The sources said Rajaratnam briefed the Pakistani side on his discussions on the Middle East question with leaders of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Bahrain which he visited recently.

American, Egyptian pilots carry out joint exercise

CAIRO, Sept. 12 (R) — American and Egyptian pilots flying F-4 Phantom fighter bombers carried out a joint exercise Thursday in which Maverick air-to-ground missiles were fired, an Egyptian spokesman said. The exercise was carried out despite a Pentagon decision to ground U.S. air force Phantoms after problems were discovered with the ejection seat mechanism.

The United States sold Egypt 35 F-4's as part of a large military assistance program and an American squadron of F-4's has been in Egypt since July at the invitation of the Egyptian government for joint exercises.

An American spokesman said that neither the squadron nor the Phantoms provided to Egypt had been grounded as the Phantoms had been inspected Thursday and found fit to fly.

The exercise, at Cairo west air base, was watched by Defense Minister Gen. Ahmed Badawi, chief of staff Lt.-Gen. Abdul-Halim Abu-Ghazala and commander of the air force air-commodore Mohammed Lutfi Shabana.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — Some 2,000 American combat troops are to be airlifted to Egypt in early December in a test of this nation's reaction in a military crisis, American Broadcasting Company television network news reported Thursday. ABC correspondent John Scall said the deployment will be short-lived and the aim will be to demonstrate "a vastly improved capacity to react in a military crisis."

WASHINGTON, (AP) — U.S. representative Paul Findley urged approval Thursday

of a new program that would help finance construction of a grain elevator in Israel for storing more U.S. grain sales. The congressman said the elevator not only would increase U.S. grain sales to Israel, but it could become a regional depot serving Egypt as well.

LONDON, (AP) — A 28-year-old Iraqi student was jailed at London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court for 10 years Thursday for attempting to smuggle three tubes of shaving cream packed with TNT and three detonators hidden in ballpoint pens.

Liberals seeking just solution

Shaka, Steel hold talks on M.E. issue

By Anne Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON, Sept. 12 — West Bank mayor Bassam Shaka was warmly received by David Steel, leader of the British Liberal Party, in his first meeting with a leader of a British political party earlier this week. During the talks, described by Shaka as "positive", Steel expressed sympathy for the Palestinian people and confirmed that the British Liberal Party is making active efforts to bring about a just solution to the Arab-Israeli problem.

Before the meeting Shaka had brief conversations with Liberal MPs Cyril Smith, Geraint Howells and David Penhaligon.

The 25 minute discussion took place on the first day of the Liberal Party assembly in Blackpool in the north of England. Liberal defense spokesman MP Stephen Ross, an active member of the Liberal friends of Israel, was also present. Both he and Steel expressed their admiration for Shaka's bravery, following the loss of both his legs in an Israeli bomb attack in June.

Later this month Steel and Ross will take part in a 6-man Liberal delegation to the Middle East, when they will meet Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, and visit Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Israel.

During his forthcoming visit to the West Bank, Steel confirmed, he will move under the auspices of the British consul at Jerusalem, and will make efforts to meet Palestinian opposition groups. He said he would make a special effort to seek out member of the committee for National Guidance of the Palestine people, after Shaka advised him the Israeli government might try to prevent such meetings.

On its return from the two week visit to the Middle East, said Steel, the Liberal delegation will submit a report of its findings to the party for discussion and a resolution on the Middle East will be drawn up.

Steel took over the leadership of the Liberal Party from Jeremy Thorpe, a firm Israeli supporter. As yet he has remained uncommitted on the Middle East question, but observers within the Liberal Party believe that his willingness to take part in the Liberal delegation to the Middle East indicates his growing concern that Liberals world-wide should work for a just peace that takes full account of Palestinian rights.

At the Liberal International Congress last week in Berlin, the British delegation submitted a motion calling for negotiations between



(AP photo)
MEETING IN LONDON: Bassam Shaka, mayor of Nablus (right) talking with David Steel, leader of British Liberal Party.

Israel's and the PLO with the proviso that the PLO first accept Israel's right to exist. But after criticism from delegates from Israel, Canada, the Netherlands and Denmark, the proposal was withdrawn and a new text was drawn up calling only for the "inclusion in negotiations of all important bodies representing the Palestinian people".

Voting on the new text was then postponed until chairman of Liberal International and leader of the EEC Middle East mission, Gaston Thorn and David Steel have reported the findings of their Middle East visits.

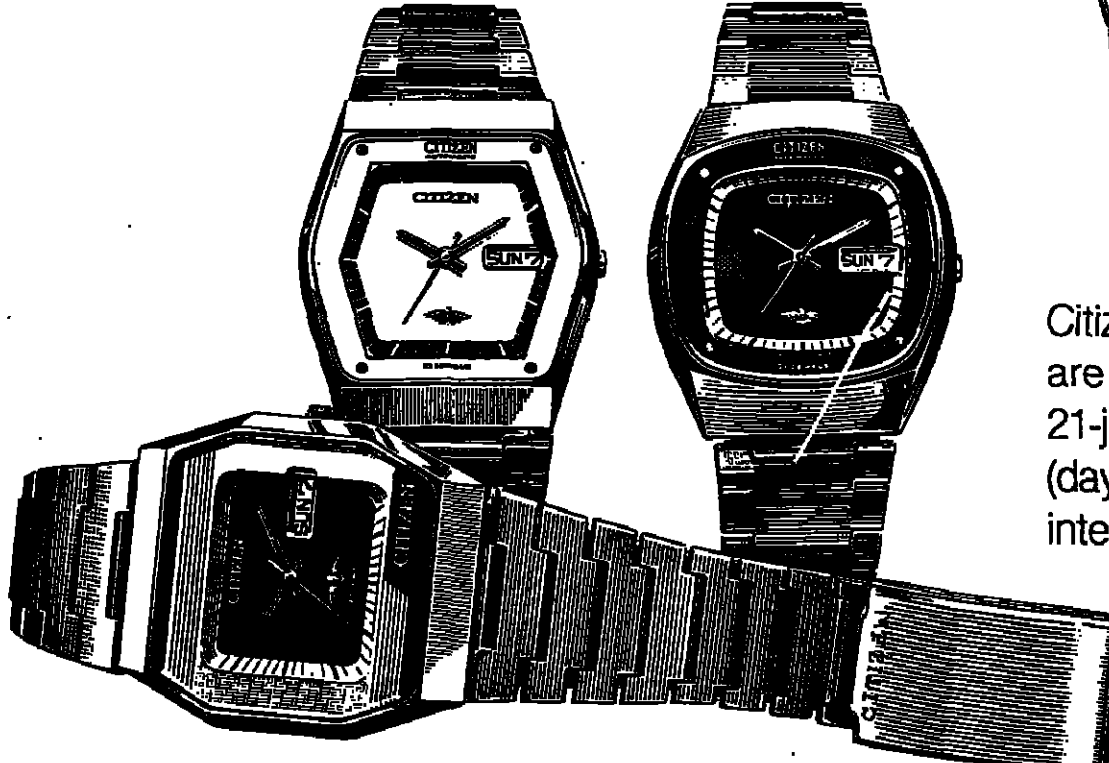
On the evening before his meeting with Steel last week, Shaka received enthusiastic applause from over 60 Liberal delegates at a meeting in Blackpool organized by the Liberal friends of Palestine. In his 40 minute delivery, through a translator, he called for the support of British Liberals in the struggle of the Palestinian people to gain their national rights.

Shaka said in his speech, "I am particularly pleased to talk to you as members of the Liberal Party, because in my heart, I believe the Palestinian question concerns you as it concerns anyone with any human awareness and understanding."

Iraq, Zambia stress Palestinian rights

BAGHDAD, (R) — Iraq and Zambia have reiterated their commitment to the non-aligned movement and the strengthening of its role, the Iraqi news agency reported. A joint statement issued at the end of a short visit by President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia said that no just peace could be achieved in the Middle East unless Israeli forces withdrew from all occupied Arab territories and Palestinian rights, including that to the establishment of an independent state, were recognized.

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Solidify Pinochet's rule

Chileans approve constitution

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 12 (AP) — Chilean voters gave overwhelming approval Thursday to a new constitution granting right-wing President Augusto Pinochet and his military junta at least eight more years of absolute power.

The election was held on the seventh anniversary on the bloody coup in which Pinochet ousted the elected government of Marxist President Salvador Allende, who died during the fight for the presidential palace.

Eligible Chileans, who faced punishment of up to three months in jail if they did not

cast ballots, could vote "yes" or "no" on the proposed constitution.

The government said final results showed 3.9 million votes, or 67.5 per cent, in favor of the new constitution and 1.7 million, or 29.6 per cent, opposed. The government said that 9.8 million people voted, some 86 per cent of the 6.75 million eligible, and that about 2.8 per cent of the ballots were declared invalid.

Even before the first results were announced, Pinochet proclaimed victory. "Chile has won. The country has faced Marxism from within and without. This is a triumph for the people of Chile," he told

reporters in a surprise visit to the vote-counting center in the Diego Portales government building.

An estimated 20,000 Chileans gathered outside the building, cheering and waving bits of burning paper as the count was reported, while caravans of horn-blowing cars wheeled through downtown Santiago. Radio and television stations had urged the people to turn out to congratulate Pinochet and the armed forces junta.

Pinochet, addressing the crowd, said: "For the second time, we have defeated the Marxist totalitarianism," referring to the coup on Sept. 11, 1973, as the first time. "We have shown the world what democracy is. This country doesn't need anyone to come show it. Today we gave the world a lesson."

Chileans had lined up at schools, military bases and public offices to cast their ballots. The voting was peaceful as soldiers with automatic rifles stood by at polling places.

There had been little doubt the referendum would pass, and Pinochet had not even said what he would do if it lost. His opponents hoped there would be enough "no" votes to show a substantial opposition movement. There were street demonstrations in Santiago and other cities this week and at least 100 people were arrested.

Pinochet's regime has been accused of massive human rights violations by the Roman Catholic Church and by human rights organizations.

Under the new constitution, Pinochet would continue his military regime until 1989, when the ruling junta would propose the name of the next president. Free presidential elections would take place in 1997.

Former President Eduardo Frei, who has been active in renewing the political opposition, had called the referendum a farce, saying it was "science fiction" to vote on a constitution that would go into effect so far in the future.

Frei, a Christian Democrat, did vote, although he had said earlier he might develop a sudden illness. He was applauded at the school in southeastern Santiago where he cast his ballot, and told the crowd, "I feel disturbed and humiliated at having to vote in this plebiscite."

Black student, policeman killed in S. Africa riot

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, South Africa, Sept. 12 (AP) — A black policeman and a high school student died after a shoot-out in the Whittlesea district about 95 kilometers northeast of here. Col. Charles Sebe, the head of the Ciskei Intelligence Services said.

Students had gone on a rampage Thursday, attacking police vehicles, and the policeman had been shot to death by the mob, he said.

"In the shoot-out that followed, a male student was shot dead. Many students were pulled in," Sebe said, without giving a specific number of arrests.

The reason for the unrest in the tribal homeland known as the Ciskei was not given, but much of the violence in the eastern Cape has been connected with a five-month-old student protest against inferior education.

The black Guguletu township outside Cape Town was reported tense but quiet following the shooting death Wednesday of a 16-year-old black pupil. Police reportedly opened fire on stone-throwing youths in a spate of violence. Four other persons were wounded.

Schools in Guguletu, as well as in the nearby townships of Langa and Nyangala were nearly empty, with only the principals and a few teachers present, the South African Press Association said.

One principal was quoted as saying that many teachers who had attended school regularly during the school boycott had begun to stay away following the growing hostility towards the teachers in the townships. The houses of a few headmasters have been attacked with gasoline bombs and seriously damaged.

The Parents Action Committee of Langa, Guguletu and Nyangala criticized the pre-dawn detention of two of its members and another person in the community. "As responsible members of the community, we want to sound this word of warning again, that this attitude of detaining people indiscriminately must stop immediately. Actions like these are sowing the seeds of dissatisfaction and frustrations that could grow into the type of violence which even the authentic leaders of the community would not be able to control," the statement said.

Caribbean fish dying

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, Sept. 12 (AP) — Millions of dead fish floated slowly north and west toward Jamaica, Haiti and Florida and Dominican officials said the fish may have been killed by chemicals dumped into the ocean.

Narciso Capella, director of fishery resources, said initial tests on the fish and the water showed they died from chemical poisoning. Determination of the kind of poison and its source will have to await further testing, he said.

Two people died and as many as 50 others in the Dominican Republic have been hospitalized with symptoms of poisoning after eating the dead fish, authorities said.

Capella said a general prohibition against eating seafood of any kind remained in force in the Dominican Republic, and Dominican officials have contacted neighboring nations to recommend that the same restriction be enforced.

The Dominican Navy is enforcing a strict prohibition against fishing by the Dominican fishing fleet until the prohibition against eating fish is lifted, Capella said.

Marine biologists from the University of Puerto Rico who were in the Dominican Republic on a scientific exchange program have taken samples of the dead fish, water and algae to Puerto Rico for detailed analysis, he said.



CAMPAIGN: West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt stands on a crate to get above the crowd at the opening of his campaign for re-election. Residents of Dortmund turned out by the scores to listen to the Social Democratic candidate.

Washington opposed

India firm on U.S. uranium

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — India has called on the United States to honor its contractual obligations and ship immediately a consignment of enriched uranium for the Tarapur nuclear plant near Bombay.

The foreign affairs committees of both the House of Representatives and the Senate voted this week against the sale of 39.6 tons of uranium to India despite a last-minute appeal from Secretary of State Edmund Muskie. A spokesman in Delhi said India had fulfilled all its obligations under a 1963 agreement with the United States for the supply of enriched uranium and expected the U.S. government to do the same. "This would require immediate shipment of the already delayed consignment of fuel," he said.

The U.S. State Department said it still hopes Congress will approve the sale despite opposition by the foreign affairs committees. Senator John Glenn says he feels certain the full Senate will support his resolution blocking shipment of the nuclear fuel. To do otherwise would be to "signal to the world that the United States is in retreat on the vital international security issue of nuclear non-proliferation," Glenn said.

Glenn suggested that the administration's efforts to work with Indian leaders so far have not been very productive. "I think it is important to note that after the president promised the fuel to India, Mrs. Gandhi said she was leaving the door open on future nuclear tests, signed a \$1.6 billion arms deal with the Soviet Union, abstained on the United Nations vote condemning the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and recognized the Kampuchean (Cambodian) government, making India the only non-Communist country to do so."

The administration contends that if the United States fails to ship the fuel, Indian

leaders would consider themselves freed from their obligations under the 1963 treaty. This would result in lessening this country's control over use of nuclear materials furnished to India, State Department officials say.

Suarez to ask confidence vote

MADRID, Sept. 12 (AP) — Premier Adolfo Suarez will ask for a confidence vote in the lower house of the parliament Sept. 16 when he is to present his new government's program, a government spokesman has said.

He said the decision was taken in a cabinet meeting, the first held three days after Suarez reshuffled his government and changed half of the 19-member cabinet. Suarez's new government is the fifth since he took office as premier in July 1976.

Suarez won Spain's first free elections since the end of the Franco dictatorship in 1977 and repeated his victory in 1979, although his union of the Democratic Center Party fell short of a majority in both times.

The socialists finished as runners-up. The premier's party holds 165 seats in the 350-seat lower house, 11 short of a majority. But political sources close to the premier said he expected to win the Sept. 16 confidence vote by picking up enough support from Catalan and Conservative deputies to exceed the 184 votes he got in his confirmation by parliament after the second election.

The moderate Basque Nationalist Party with eight deputies in the lower house announced Thursday it would support Suarez.

TV debate boycotted by Carter

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (R) — Ronald Reagan may skip the second and third debates planned for the U.S. presidential election campaign if President Jimmy Carter persists in boycotting the first one, the Republican Party leader said.

Reagan, the Republican candidate, is committed to the first televised debate in Baltimore on Sept. 21 with Independent John Anderson. But party chairman Bill Brock said there would be little point in continuing beyond that if Carter persisted with his boycott of a three-way debate. He said he still hoped Carter would change his mind and agree to appear in Baltimore. "If he does not, we will have to forego the debates and go on with the campaign," he told reporters.

Carter has said he will not attend the first debate because its organizers have agreed to include Anderson, who launched his independent campaign after competing unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination.

Carter advisers see Anderson as a greater threat to the president than to Reagan because he has appeal among liberal Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents. The president says he wants the first debate to be between candidates of the two main parties but is willing to hold a three-way debate with Anderson after that.

The Republican chairman said that although Reagan might get an initial advantage from appearing with Anderson on his own, "it's not going to be productive for long."

Anderson, he said, was a "very competent debater," and after both men had criticized Carter they would obviously turn to discussing their own differences. Brock said he thought Carter was opposed to holding any form of debate. "The president doesn't want to talk about his own record," he said.

Intestines explosive

CONIE, Italy, Sept. 12 (AFP) — An inmate of the maximum security prison here has had two years and ten months added to his prison term for hiding plastic explosive in his intestines. Mario Ubaldo Rossi, 26, was suffering from violent abdominal pains last July 5 and was transferred to the prison hospital where doctors found an "alien body," a capsule containing 52 grams of plastic explosive, in his intestines. He is serving a 20-year term for armed robbery.

The prosecutor charged him with transporting and holding an explosive, which could have led to a term of eight years, but the court only sentenced him for transport of an explosive.



MONTY: NATO Deputy Commander Sir Jack Harman, left, and Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens unveil a statue of British World War II Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery in Brussels. The statue is the work of Yugoslav Oscar Nemon.



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A question of 'Hope'

S. African 'madam' goes to bat for maid

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 12 (WP) — Among other things, Grace Ntsimane has done the following for Pat Van Rensburg over the past five years: washed the clothes, ironed them, vacuumed, dusted, made the beds, answered the phone, polished the floors, washed the toilets, made meals, washed the dishes, looked after Pat's children as if they were her own, listened to Pat's problems and shared her jokes.

By South African standards, it is normal for a black live-in domestic servant working for a middle-class white family. What is not so common, however, is that a few weeks ago Pat was preparing to go to jail because of Grace. Or rather, because of Grace's child, Tsepo — a name that means "Hope."

As maid and "madam," Grace and Pat were caught up in the administration of the unique and strange society of South Africa. Their story does not portray dramatic stakes of life and death but rather the everyday moral choices thinking whites are confronted with and the daily "occupational hazards" blacks face as a result of the Kaffraesque and comprehensive skein of laws the white minority government has drawn up to maintain its control over where blacks live and work.

It began one day in February as Ntsimane was ironing in the kitchen of the Van Rensburgs' brick ranch-style house in Randburg, a town north of Johannesburg. Two-month-old Tsepo, her second living child

(two died from sickness), lay on a towel in the hallway. Two government inspectors — one white, one black — materialized outside in the yard, where the black gardener was working, to make a routine check on the papers of the Van Rensburgs' employees.

When they heard Tsepo cry they asked if there was a baby on the premise. The gardener lied: "It's the madam's baby." Undaunted, the black inspector poked his head in the kitchen and saw Tsepo — unmistakably not a "madam's baby."

Like all black children born of Tswana parents since 1976, Tsepo is not South African citizen according to the government. Rather, he is a citizen of Bophuthatswana, the enclave set aside for blacks of the Tswana tribal group, which the government in 1976 declared an "independent" state. No country except South Africa has recognized Bophuthatswana as an independent country, because it is regarded as part of the apartheid system that aims to carve up South Africa into 10 "independent" black states and one white state as a way for the white minority to maintain its control over the black majority.

Ntsimane was born 37 years ago in what is now Bophuthatswana, so she also is one of its "citizens." Like thousands of other Tswanas, however, she seeks work in the big cities because there are few jobs in the rural, underdeveloped homeland.

She is allowed to work in Randburg as a

migrant laborer on one-year renewable contracts. She has government permission to live on the Van Rensburgs' property — alone. Under the law, Tsepo is supposed to live in Bophuthatswana, presumably with relatives, 60 miles away, even though he is still being breastfed. The stark choice for Ntsimane: stay with her job or her son.

Her husband, Amos, is also a citizen of Bophuthatswana and has permission to work as a driver in Randburg as a migrant laborer. But his terms of employment say he must live not with his wife, but in an all-male hostel in the nearby black-worker dormitory township of Alexandra.

"By law, the family has got to live in three different places," said Van Rensburg, 42, as she sat in her living room. "In the town of Randburg, with about 65,000 whites and an estimated 35,000 blacks, we are supposedly not to have one black child."

The inspectors left a court summons for Van Rensburg, who at the time of their visit was in Cape Town visiting her husband, an agreement she made when she "registered" Ntsimane at the local labor bureau — another requirement for all black workers and white employers. The document stated that "as a specific condition of Ntsimane's employment

she will not be allowed to introduce any of her children — dependents into the area of Randburg. By allowing Ntsimane to keep Tsepo with her, Van Rensburg had broken this legal agreement.

She could have paid \$37.50 as an admission-of-guilt fine, but "by paying the fine I would be acquiescing that the government could separate mothers and babies." Instead, she decided to contest the charge in court to "highlight" this "wicked" law.

As a member of Randburg's town council and the county council, Van Rensburg is not lacking in political savvy. But she also had never before been in court as a defendant, not even for a traffic offense.

Conducting her own defense, she cross-examined the white inspector. When asked whether he verified if the babies he ordered back to the "homelands" had homes to go to and food to eat, he replied that this was not his job.

Van Rensburg asked if it was one of his duties to go from house to house looking for illegal black babies. He answered that it was.

Not unaware of the press in the courtroom, the presiding magistrate said he wanted to make sure there was no misunderstanding and repeated the question to the inspector. Again the answer was straightforward: "Yes."

"It sounds as if we are in the days of Herod, marching from door to door looking for 'illegal' babies," Van Rensburg said afterward.

Summing up, she called the incident "an example of the vicious and inhuman system of apartheid at its very worst" and declared that "if I am found guilty and sentenced, I will not pay a fine but elect to serve a prison sentence."

In the end, the magistrate decided that discretion was better than vigorous application of the law. After finding Van Rensburg guilty he sent her home with a warning, avoiding the embarrassing situation of imprisoning the wife of a member of parliament.

Ntsimane, who has worked as a maid for 19 years, seems a bit flustered by all the fuss. Holding Tsepo, she said in halting English: "I was very upset. I felt sorry for 'madam' if she said she can go to jail. I was feeling sorry for the trouble she had."

Van Rensburg says the reaction she has gotten has been "overwhelmingly favorable — even from Afrikaners," the whites of Dutch descent who dominate the government.

But in similar situations most whites pay the fines, offering no more protest than if they were tickets for speeding. Van Rensburg is part of the minority of whites who choose to go a bit further, and so it is fitting that a child named "hope" lives with the Van Rensburgs — at least until the inspector returns.

Prince at odds over horse drugs

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Britain's Prince Philip was at odds last week with the International Equestrian Federation, over which he presides, for its plan to ban widely used pain-killing drugs on horses in equestrian sports.

A ban would mean horses could be treated with little more than soap and water, he told the British Equine Veterinary Association. The prince defended the practice of artificially reviving exhausted horses during competition, and criticized "purists" who say horses should not compete under the influence of any drug.

There is "little if any evidence" to show that properly prescribed doses have any significant effect on the performance of a horse, said the prince husband of Queen Elizabeth II.

\$1m drive on to save elephants

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — The World Wildlife Fund, an international conservation organization, announced it hopes to raise \$1.1 million for protection of African elephants endangered by ivory-hunting poachers.

"The current epidemic of 'ivory fever' is the deadliest since the turn of the century," said Russell Train, president of the World Wildlife Fund-U.S. and past head of the Environmental Protection Agency. "Somewhere between 50,000 and 150,000 elephants are being killed now each year for the ivory trade."

The United States is a member of the convention on international trade in endangered species, which permits trade in elephant products only if accompanied by an export permit. But the announcement said trade was increasing anyway "with false documentation easy to get."

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Behind closed doors Russians ... tell jokes

MOSCOW, Sept. 12 (AP) — It was not long after that Soviet propaganda extravaganza, the Moscow Olympics, began that the first joke surfaced. The butt was the widespread expectation that stores would be packed with food to impress visitors.

A woman calls the local "gastronom": "Tell me, is it true that during the games we'll be able to order food by phone?" Store manager: "Sure, and it will be delivered over TV."

The anecdote quickly made the rounds in Moscow, adding to the nation's rich store of topical but underground humor. The jokes come in waves: Armenian jokes, Brezhnev jokes, food shortage jokes, labor camp jokes.

In Stalin's day they could — and often did — serve as one-way tickets to the Gulag. Today they are still sometimes told in low, conspiratorial tones, and most could never be printed in the controlled Soviet press.

But the jokes are an antidote to the heavy diet of official propaganda in the state-controlled media, and a rich tonic of laughter in an often difficult life.

Shortages of food in state stores are one of the most popular current themes. An Armenian is asked: "How's the situation with meat in Yerevan?" "With meat it's excellent," comes the reply. "But without it's terrible."

Or a child asks: "What came first, the chicken or the egg?" "Ah," answers granny, "in the old days we had both."

A common format for Soviet humor is listener calls to Armenian radio: "Listen: 'Is it possible to ride a horse from hero city of Moscow to hero city Odessa?'"

Radio: "Yes, if it's not devoured by people in the hero city of Kaluga."

Mimicking official rhetoric provides an inexhaustible resource for jokes. The classic is: "What is the difference between capitalism and Communism?" Answer: "Capitalism is the exploitation of man by man, and Communism is the opposite."

The perpetual official glorification of Soviet cities inspired this one: "Is it possible to make Paris into an exemplary socialist city?" "Of course. But it would be a terrible shame."

President Leonid Brezhnev, with his stiff bearing, mechanical delivery and habit of using notes for all official pronouncements, is a perennial favorite. A new one has him officially opening the Olympic games from notes on his program, looking at the five-ring Olympic symbol and proclaiming: "O. O. O. O. O."

And on they go, spreading through private parties, meetings and offices, picking up local variants and new twists:

— Czechoslovakia has suddenly announced it is setting up a naval ministry. The Soviets demand to know why, since Czechoslovakia has no seacoast. "Well, you have a ministry of culture," the Czechs reply.

— "Have you heard, a plane carrying the entire Soviet politburo has crashed in Poland." "Was anyone saved?" "Poland."

— Three inmates are talking in a concentration camp at the height of the Stalin purges. The first says, "I was arrested for opposing Bukharin." The second says, "I was arrested for backing Bukharin." The third says, "I am Bukharin."

English language has French culture on the run

PARIS, Sept. 12 (AFP) — French culture has taken a battering from the English-speaking world, according to a worldwide survey reported in the current issue of the economic weekly *Expansion*.

The survey showed that "French culture has been swept away by the irresistible rise of the English language and American culture, as well as by the rediscovery of local cultures."

But France has made immense strides in its material power with massive exports not only of traditional items like wine, cheeses and perfumes but also its automobiles, electronic equipment, aircraft and arms.

France's reputation was good and its government stability impressive but opinions

varied about President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. An Englishman thought him "splendid," an Italian "cold as a robot," a German described his speeches as "insignificant," but he was admired by Japanese as an excellent economist.

Expansion wanted a "world judgment" on France which it obtained from a sample supplied by seven leading figures in each of the spheres of trade unions, politics, journalism, and industry in 19 countries.

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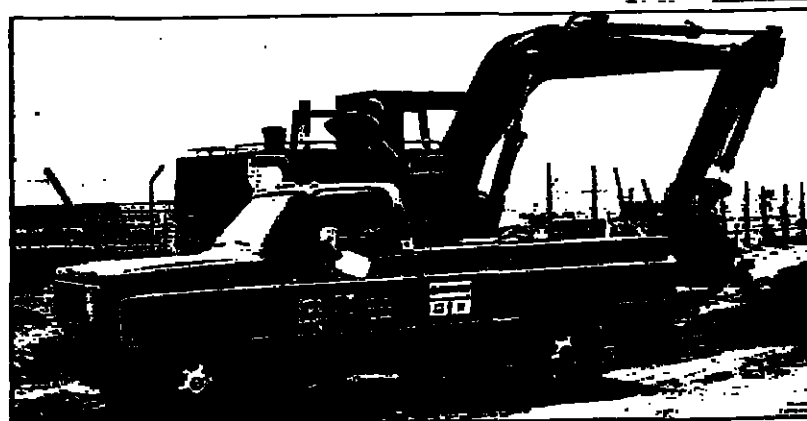
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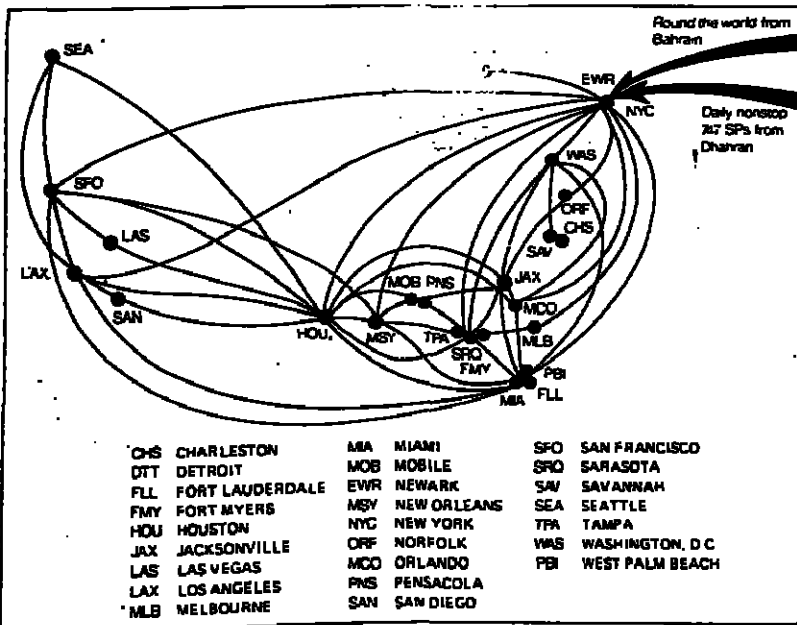
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Inflation fears send gold rising

By Allan Barker

LONDON —

Fears of continuing world inflation have given new impetus to the price of gold and other precious metals, always havens for those seeking an investment that will hold its value in troubled times. Perhaps more important to the traditional small investor, shares of gold mining companies are also booming.

The price of gold moved as high as \$ 689.50 an ounce in London this week, its highest for seven months, after a strong two-week rise in heavy trading from the \$ 630 level that had prevailed in a summer lull since July.

The price has since fallen slightly but the big question is: Will gold soar above \$ 700 and move to \$ 750? If it sustains the upward momentum, last January's record price of \$ 875 an ounce could well be tested. There have been forecasts by some analysts of gold at \$ 1,000 an ounce before too long.

The consensus of gold-market analysts is that the next psychological barrier of \$ 700 an ounce will be breached if next week's ministerial meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decides to raise prices, or reduce production, which would mean an early end to the present oil glut.

Inflation is still not really under control in the United States, Britain, Italy or France for instance, and some of the traditionally strong economies like West Germany also have problems," said a spokesman for London Metal Brokers Rudolf Wolff.

Promises of tax cuts by President Carter if he is re-elected and by the Republican candidate Ronald Reagan, at a time when inflation is still 13 per cent in the U.S. are worrying people who fear another bout of inflation as the country emerges from recession. In such circumstances, it is any wonder that investors seek a store of value? he said.

Much of the buying pressure on gold that has pushed the price up by some \$ 50 this month, has come from the Middle East, the United States and Hong Kong, and professional operators have been very active. Middle East involvement has not been as strong as in January, when gold went through the roof during world tension over Iran and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, before dropping back to about \$ 490 an ounce in May.

Some New York analysts believe gold is overvalued at a time when deflationary policies are being pursued by many of the major countries. They say the primary forces propelling the gold price upward are political rather than economic. But this seems to be a minority view. "While the price direction is upward and the inflation outlook so clouded, only a brave man would forecast a decline," one expert said.

David Fitzpatrick, vice-president responsible for precious metals at Merrill Lynch in London, said: "I am very bullish on gold. I have little doubt the upturn in the gold price will continue over the next

few weeks, though some resistance may set in around \$ 700."

Silver, platinum, palladium and copper have also been in demand this week, and higher prices have resulted in line with the strength of gold. Silver has broken through the psychological barrier of \$ 20 an ounce, but the price is still less than half what it was before the price collapsed last March when the brothers Nelson Bunker Hunt and Herbert Hunt were forced to liquidate large holdings in the U.S.

Gold mines indexes have hit records this week in London and Johannesburg, and demand for mining shares was instrumental in pushing the Toronto composite share index to a new peak.

South African investors have been particularly active, and the Johannesburg gold shares index has doubled since March. But analysts in Johannesburg and New York feel gold shares could be vulnerable to a setback because they have outperformed bullion prices over the last few weeks, probably anticipating a rise in the price to \$ 700.

Andre Sharon and Kathleen Bonner of Drexel Burnham Lambert in New York attributed the buying of gold shares mainly to South African investors with cash to spare due to the republic's economic boom. But there has also been strong demand in Europe and North America. They said gold shares with high yields looked attractive compared to industrial stocks and bonds. Some London experts said there was no obvious reason for the run into gold shares, and present prices could be unstable because of lack of fundamental support.

Johannesburg analysts said earnings of gold mining companies due to be announced in the last quarter of the year should show divided increases of 60 to 125 per cent over the first half of 1980. Most heavyweight mining shares currently yield 5 to 7 per cent, but could yield up to 8 per cent later this year. However, they said further sharp rises in gold shares were unlikely unless the bullion price moved strongly past \$ 700.

One result of higher bullion prices is increased gold exploration, encouraged by the prospect of greater returns. Some mines which were previously considered uneconomic are being given a second look.

Much of the activity is taking place in South Africa, the world's largest producer, but there are also new ventures under way in the United States, Canada and Australia. However, many of the new finds will not be producing for years, and are unlikely to affect the 30 per cent fall in gold supplies to the Western World forecast for this year.

Official sales of gold by governments and monetary institutions are expected to drop this year as a result of a halt in U.S. sales and the ending last November of the International Monetary Fund's 4-year program of auctions. Consolidated Gold Fields Limited recently estimated that this would be one of the main factors in reducing the supply of gold to the non-Communist world to about 1,100 tons from 1,765 tons in 1979. (R)

"AND NOW, BACK TO THE OTHER CHARTS..."



Politics of Soviet trade

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Elliott Hurwitz is an economist and defense analyst with a consulting firm whose clients include the U.S. military.)

By Elliott Hurwitz

CHEVY CHASE, Md. —

The recent attention given to the large-scale Soviet military buildup has made it easy to overlook the expanding program of Soviet economic trade with the West and the potential that trade holds to advance Soviet political goals. While U.S. trade with the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries has fallen over the last few years, that of America's North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies and Japan has risen significantly.

Undoubtedly, the main motivation for the increased Soviet interest in trade with the West is economic. The Soviet economy is currently in very poor condition, and efforts to raise productivity have not been successful.

The recent reported labor strife in Gorky, the continuing decline in the rate of growth of production, and the endemic problems of Soviet agriculture are evidence of economic difficulties.

In the early 1970s, the Russians recognized the weaknesses in their economy and began to purchase Western equipment and goods in large quantities. Large-scale chemical, fertilizer, paper and automotive plants were built with Western assistance. Significant quantities of West German, American and other Western machine tools were purchased to upgrade existing Soviet plants.

To pay for the large volume of imported goods and equipment, the Soviet Union has exported increasing quantities of gold, oil and natural gas. Charging customers the quickly escalating world market price, the Soviet Union has rapidly become a major supplier to such energy-short countries as West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Iceland and Turkey.

Iceland, for instance, receives 80 per cent of its oil from the Soviet Union, while West Germany obtains 16 per cent of its natural gas from Soviet sources at present and is scheduled to receive 30 per cent in the near future. These Soviet energy exports are taking place despite an expected decline in overall Soviet oil and gas production later in the 1980s and, projections of increased Soviet difficulty in supplying energy to established customers in Eastern Europe.

If potential Soviet political motivations are

ignored, it is easy to demonstrate how the increased level of trade can create economic benefits for all parties involved. For the West, additional jobs are created and energy sources are diversified. By Soviet estimates, 300,000 West German jobs now depend on Soviet purchases from West Germany. Clearly, the Soviet economy also benefits through the greater quality and appeal of the finished goods that are imported and through the enhanced productivity of the machinery and equipment.

The effects of these economic benefits on Soviet foreign policy are very difficult to gauge. It is possible, for instance, that the Soviet Union might become more relaxed and self-confident in its international relations as its standard of living increases. It is equally plausible, however, that the Soviet Union might use a greater economic and technological base to create a larger and more sophisticated military and more readily engage in expensive overseas ventures.

Although it may be the case that an increased level of trade brings economic benefits to all participants, Western observers cannot but view with alarm the increased political leverage within the West that the Soviet Union is gaining through its trade activities.

West German exports to the Eastern bloc were \$8.7 billion last year, fully 76 per cent of the level of West German exports to the United States. French exports to the Eastern bloc were \$2.9 billion and Italy's were \$2.4 billion. Workers in Western factories dependent on Eastern bloc exports, bankers and industrialists involved in trade, and others whose livelihoods depend on Soviet energy supplies, constitute an increasingly powerful interest group. These individuals may not be inclined to support strong measures within NATO to increase defense expenditures or to align more closely with U.S. political or military positions.

The clearest path for the Soviet Union to take in trying to improve its stagnant economy is to continue to expand its level of trade with the Western industrial nations.

Although the primary motive for seeking trade with the West may be a desire to benefit its economy, the Soviet Union can also achieve some of its most important political goals, such as the neutralization of one or more NATO members through these means. America should not allow its current focus on the sizable increase in the Soviet military arsenal to obscure the other, less-direct means by which the Soviet Union can also attain its foreign policy objectives. — (NYT)

ISRAELI 'MODERATION'

Zionist propagandists in the West are trying to exploit a report in the *New York Times* on the alleged Israeli undertaking to stop its settlement building in the West Bank in order to facilitate resumption of negotiations with Egypt. They are trying to present the report as a sign of a real policy-revision on the part of the obstreperous Begin, heralding a new age of "moderation."

Such a reading of the news is ridiculous. Begin, according to the same report, has already told the Americans last June that Israel intends to build ten new settlements in the West Bank. Six of these have already been completed, leaving four. And this is precisely the figure Begin mentioned as the last batch to be built for the time being. The leopard, therefore, has not changed his spots. His plans are on target; and all he said is that he intends to keep them that way.

This is not the first time that Israel and its friends in the West have invented such "concessions." Begin has declared previously that he would free Palestinian prisoners as a gesture of good will toward Sadat, only to release a few prisoners who, on closer inspection, are shown to have already finished their term of imprisonment; or to have been held in detention without charge in any case.

It is no longer a secret that the Israeli policy of expansionism is subject to rigorous long term planning, and that it is divided into carefully defined phases. The phase of settling the West Bank was accelerated under the cover of the Camp David "peace process", and has now reached completion; as has the plan for the annexation of Jerusalem. It is no wonder then that Begin declares to the Americans that he is ready to resume talks. But the talks, everyone knows, will falter again, and the strategically predetermined time, when another phase of expansionism is ready to start. And this time the direction is the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip.

The signs are that Egypt will concede once more and resume the talks. Sadat still has hopes of his "initiative" and, more importantly, he wants to help Carter out in the difficult two months between now and the presidential election in November. Sadat and his partners in Camp David are also counting on "dramatic changes" in the area in the near future; changes which they hope will make their task easier. This is the reason why Sadat seems so pliant. He has told former Israeli Prime Minister Rabin that he will not call for the "repatriation" of Jerusalem, and that he sees no point in King Hussein of Jordan joining the "peace process." The important thing for him now is to keep the appearance of life for the moribund "process."

As for the American administration, all it cares about at the moment is to pass the time to the elections with the least possible interference from the Middle East and its chronic crisis. To this end, all the substantive issues are to be shelved or, more precisely, left to the tender mercies of the Israelis.

Leftist unions fight for survival

By Lucien Rajakaruna

COLOMBO —

Attempts to smash Sri Lanka's left-dominated trade unions are creating a tide of resentment toward the three-year-old right-wing government of President Junius Jayawardene. A few days ago, dismissed strikers and their left-wing supporters went on the rampage in Colombo, wrecking airline offices and new cars — both symbols of the government's liberalized economy and the new rich.

While many businessmen have prospered under Jayawardene, ordinary workers have seen the value of their fixed wages dwindle with the impact of inflation.

Since its election in July 1977 the government has used all means possible to strengthen its own "tame" trade union, the Jathika Seveka Sangamaya or JSS, in both public and private sectors. Promotions in government departments and state corporations are virtually controlled by the JSS. It has been given free reign to intimidate members of rival unions.

Two months ago, when left-wing trade unions called for a day of protest against the rising cost of living, the JSS unleashed a wave of attacks on pickets. Groups traveling in government vehicles dashed with pickets while the police looked on — or were inexplicably missing from the scene. One worker, a Communist trade union leader, was killed and several were injured. The funeral of the dead worker saw the largest anti-government gathering since the election.

Left-wing union militancy has gathered momentum in the absence of wage increases or price reductions. The rising cost of essential goods has reduced real wages to less than 50 per cent their value of two years ago.

A strike by railway yardmen in early July quickly spread to other sections, with demands for an

immediate wage increase of \$20 a month and other concessions. Growing militancy left the Joint Action Committee of Trade Unions little alternative but to call a general strike from July 21.

The general strike, although bringing out more than 200,000 workers, was not a success. Essential services continued, and the government set out to break the strike, using all emergency powers. Strikers were threatened with instant dismissal, union leaders were harassed by regular police questioning, and penalties of property confiscation and imprisonment were introduced for incitement to strike.

Union funds were frozen and their offices sealed. Meetings and picketing were banned. Even carrying strike leaflets was made a punishable offense.

The government declared that all strikers had given up their jobs, and proceeded to recruit replacements. Private sector employees were compelled to follow, although most took the same employees back as "new hands." Appeals by non-striking unions for a more conciliatory attitude were ignored, with the government taking the position that no strike existed.

At this stage, the left-wing unions called for a *sanyagraha* or peaceful protest, but violence broke out when security forces prevented a sit-down demonstration in the center of Colombo.

The government appears determined to use all means to break the hold of left-wing unions and to ensure there are no more strikes before the next polls in 1983. It still refuses to take back dismissed workers — 40,000 according to official figures but more likely 140,000.

Control of the unions, and thus of wages, is vital because three years of classic economic measures under World Bank sponsorship have not produced the foreign help sought by the government. It will need a tame trade union movement to push through harsh economies in the coming months. — (OFNS)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Among the weekend newspapers, *Al Bilad*, *Okaz* and *Al Riyadh* reported in a lead story that Crown Prince Fahd would open the 10th session of the Higher Council of Medina's Islamic University Sunday. *Al Medina* said in its lead story that three views existed inside the Fatah movement on handling the Palestine issue. *Al Jazirah* led with the Kuwait-Indian joint communiqué which was issued in New Delhi at the end of a two-day visit to India by the Emir of Kuwait. The communiqué emphasized that Israel's expansionist policy has increased tension in the Middle East, posing a threat to world peace. It appealed to the superpowers to stop interfering in the Gulf and to make the Indian Ocean a region of peace.

Okaz played as its lead story the Israeli opposition's demand to include Palestinians in peace talks. *Al Yam* headlined the Arab world's success in including the PLO in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as an observer.

In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* said that the Lebanese army is determined to impose its authority over the zones of its clashes with the Palangists in Al-Hadath town close to Beirut. *Al Medina* said in a page-one story that a joint presidential council would take over the command of the Syro-Libyan union, adding that the Presidents of Syria and Libya have agreed to form a unified government within a period of one month. *Al Riyadh* gave front-page prominence to the rising prices of chicken and fish

in Egypt just one week after the presidential order to ban the sale of meat for one month.

Newspapers also highlighted the visit of Prince Talal, U.N. assistant secretary general for the UNICEF, to Spain and his talks with King Juan Carlos of Spain on the activities of the UNICEF and its future projects. The brief visit of Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, during which he called on the crown prince, also figured prominently on the front pages of the newspapers.

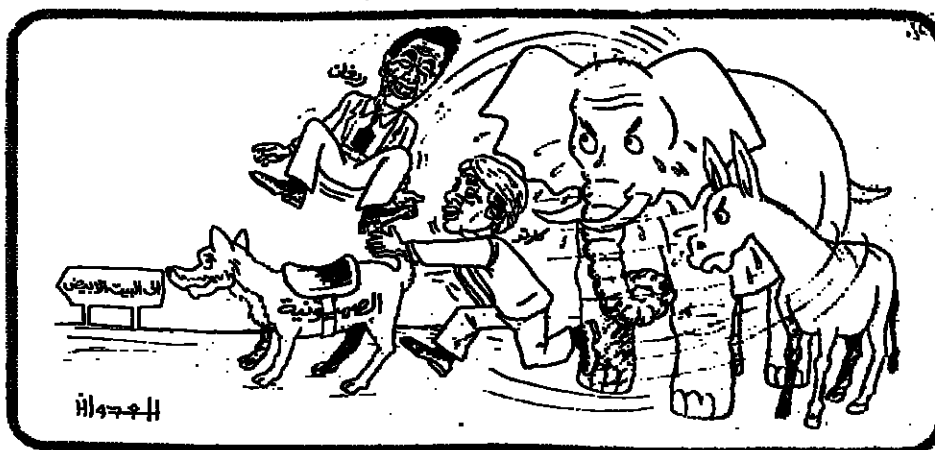
Dealing with the negotiations between Egypt and Israel on Palestinian autonomy, *Al Medina* observed that it would be quite natural if the Camp David talks create enthusiasm among the Jews since it confirms their point that it would not be possible to find a solution to the Middle East crisis without separate talks with the Arabs. The U.S. president would seem enthusiastic because the resumption of talks would help him gain in the eyes of Jewish voters. The paper added that Egypt's approval of the resumption of talks makes it very clear that the Egyptian regime has abandoned the Arab line and is widening the gap between Egypt and the rest of the Arab world.

Dwelling on the same subject, *Al Riyadh* said that the resumption of talks would not change anything. Instead, the Israeli enemy would take an increasingly intransigent attitude with partial support from the United States. The paper added that there is every indication that the autonomy talks would

meet with failure once again, and that it would not be possible now to convene a tripartite meeting of the heads of government of Egypt, Israel and the U.S. Such a meeting would be unlikely because President Carter may not be able to meet the demands of Israel, a situation that can be easily exploited by his adversary Ronald Reagan, the paper concluded.

Concerned with the Lebanese situation, *Al Jazirah* observed that it was time for all the concerned parties in Lebanon to assist the legitimate authority in the country in creating peaceful conditions. The paper held the view that the activities of the Phalangists would not help the situation nor would it serve Lebanon or the Palestinian issue. It urged all the parties concerned with the Lebanese crisis to support the Lebanese army in imposing its legitimate authority over the entire territory of Lebanon. Lebanon has seen too much bloodshed, and the army ought to be supported in liquidating every element which creates disturbances and chaos in the country, the paper said.

On the educational progress in the country, *Al Bilad* said in its editorial that Crown Prince Fahd has given an important and strategic dimension to the education projects of the country. This dimension has crystallized the concept of education that supports the absorption and adoption of the technological advancement of the present age.



The race to the White House: Zionism's the key.

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By Jacqueline Elmaleh

Attracting Mideast travelers

Paris, a city of renowned elegance

PARIS — With the congestion and rising prices of London, the world's international stopover, many Middle Eastern travelers this year have been asking out new European vacation spots. High on the list is Paris — the pride of the French, a city renowned for elegance and opulence.

Paris. There's magic in the very name! It conjures up an image in the mind of every man and woman — the atmosphere so different, the streets so wide, the buildings so massive, the landmarks so familiar from books, pictures, postcards and films. Paris is not just the capital of France, it is the heart of the nation. A first visit for many therefore, becomes a desire to get a kaleidoscope view of this city of many aspects — its boulevards and gardens, squares and monuments.

So where does one begin? The Eiffel Tower, naturally. The tower is the city's best known monument and one of the most frequented in France. When it was erected for the Great Exhibition of 1889 it was the tallest construction the globe had ever known. Upon the completion of the vast framework of metal, made of 12,000 pieces fastened together with two and one half million rivets,

the engineer Gustave Eiffel exclaimed in his enthusiasm, "France will be the only country in the world with a 300 meter flagpole!"

Artists and writers however, were appalled with the monstrous 7,000 ton steel construction and it wasn't until the beginning of this century that the tower's very boldness and incredible novelty brought it acclaim. Since then its form, appearing as millions of souvenirs, has become familiar everywhere.

At the base the tower covers an area of 30,000 square feet but it gradually diminishes till at the top its surface measurement is only 300 square feet. The visitor, standing between the tower's feet and looking upwards through the lattice-work of pig iron, gets an incredible feeling of the stupendous. The bold will climb the 1,652 steps to the viewing platform on the second stage; others will take the elevators which have had to have special brake attachments fitted because of the varia-

tion in the angle of ascent. The third and final platform resting at a height of 274 meters is reached by a single elevator at the center of the tower.

At the top Eiffel's apartment can be seen as well as a spectacular view of Paris. The city and its suburbs appear like a giant map, with the River Seine meandering gently across its surface. The tower is a great place for taking bearings and making mental notes of the sites the visitor wants to take in while in Paris.

The Eiffel Tower bestrides the Champ-de-Mars, a former parade ground, where in 1870 the first horse races in France were held. It is now a vast formal garden closed at one end by Chaillot Hill with its fine white palace and fountains, just across the Seine. At the other end lies the Ecole Militaire and in the background the golden dome of the Invalides, site of Napoleon's tomb. Beyond is the Latin Quarter the intellectual center where the "Sorbonne" or University of Paris is located. One of the oldest in the world, it was founded in 1150. Situated on the south bank of the Seine, this area is better known as the "Left Bank" and has become throughout the world a symbol of cultural achievement, profound learning and scientific discovery and yet at the same time of careless exuberant youth.

The main thoroughfare from the Latin Quarter leading to the river bank is the Boulevard Saint Michel popularly called "The Boul' Mich." With its swarms of cafes and informal student organizations, the boulevard, is always thronging with students from the numerous institutes, schools and colleges.

Of the 33 bridges spanning the Seine (three for pedestrians only) the oldest and most famous is the 16th/17th century Pont Neuf which connects the Isle de Cite with both banks of the river.

The Isle de Cite is the cradle of the capital. On this island the original inhabitants the Gallic tribe of Parisii first settled in the third century B.C. giving the later city its name. The best known monument on the island is the Cathedral of Notre Dame, with its magnificent facade and great towers. A masterpiece of medieval Gothic architecture it was built 1163-1351 and restored 1845-1864.

North across the river is the "Right Bank." It is more animated, more commercial and more densely populated than the "Left Bank." The nerve centers lies at the Place de l'Opera where the grand boulevards of the city converge. On the main streets which pivot from this square are the luxury shops that sell the goods for which Paris is famous — the jewellery cosmetics, perfume and "haute couture" forming a significant part of French exports.

Its variety of attractions — historic build-

symmetrical of Parisian squares with its magnificent fountains and 23 meter Luxor Obelisk.

Further west again is the immortal Avenue des Champs Elysees stretching wide and straight to the imperial arch built in honor of the French fighting services. The first part of the Champ Elysees is a park with well kept flower beds and trees in strange contrast to the unending stream of motor traffic, the exclusive restaurants and theaters. After the Rond Point, the most well-known thoroughfare in Paris is at once an avenue with a spectacular view, a diversion with its cafes and crowds and a street of luxurious and smart shops. Every day of the week, year in year out, Parisians and tourists alike may be seen congregated on this famous avenue, seated at its cafes or idly walking its shaded alleys until far into the night.

The Louvre is also the starting point of the greatest promenade in Paris, known to Parisians of the "Voie Triomphale" or Triumphant Way. The 7 km. way extends from the palace to the Place de l'Etoile where 12 avenues converge on the grand Arc de Triomphe, silhouetted against the sky.

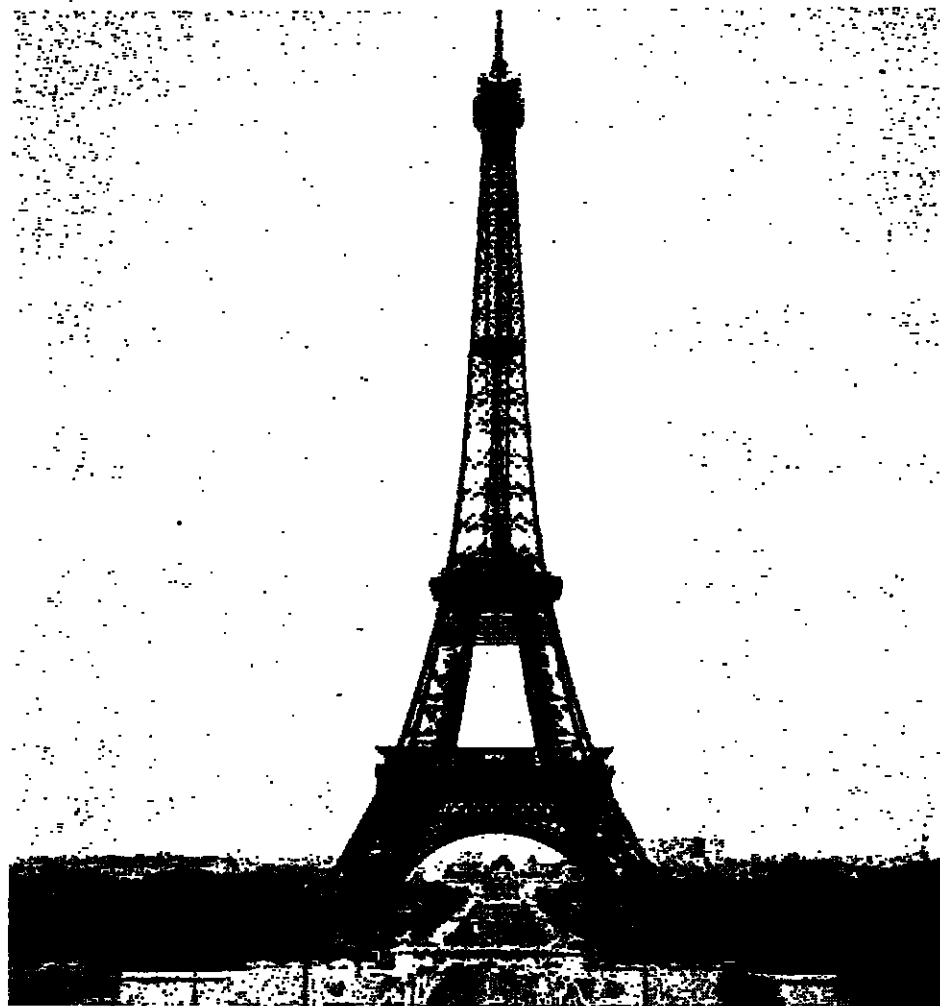
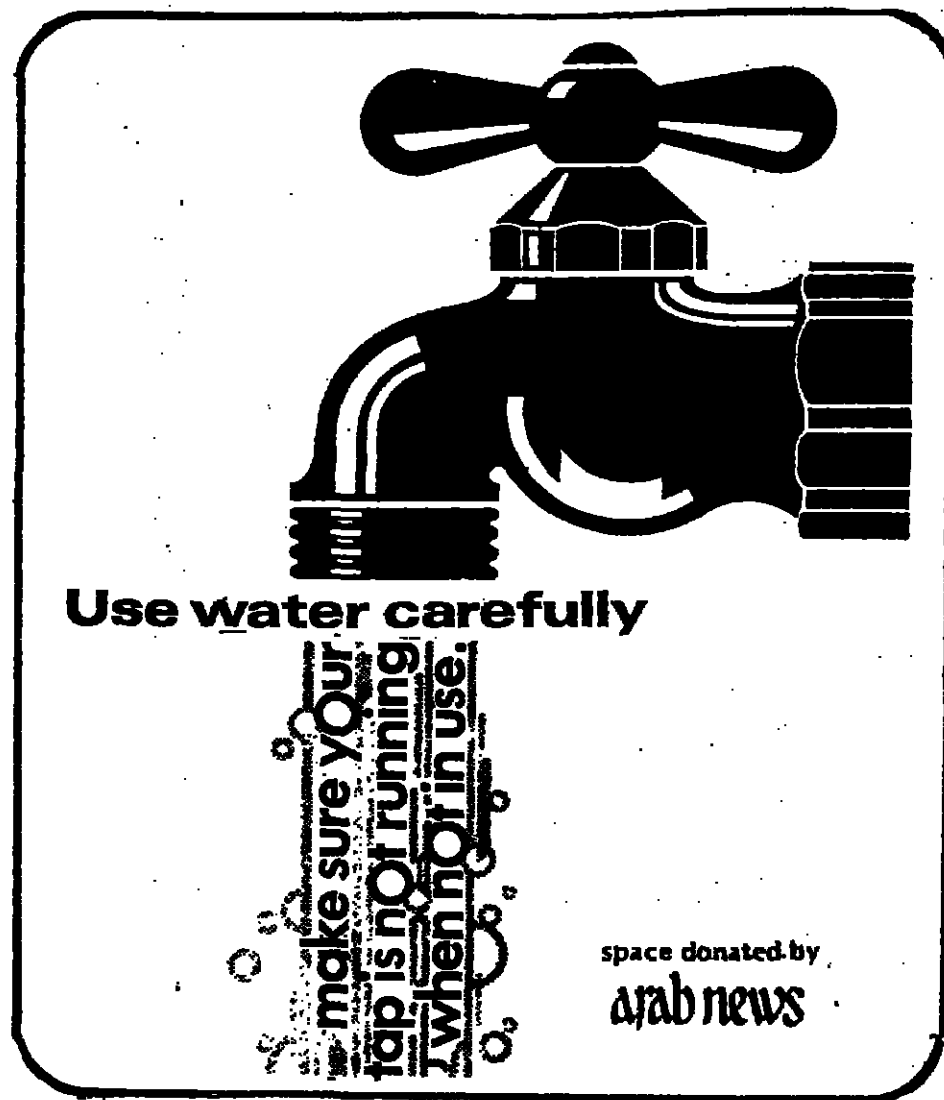
From the Louvre Palace the walks passes through the Tuileries Gardens, beautifully situated beside the Seine and epitomizing the formal French style of design. The gardens in terraces and green balconies overlooking the Place de la Concorde, the largest and most



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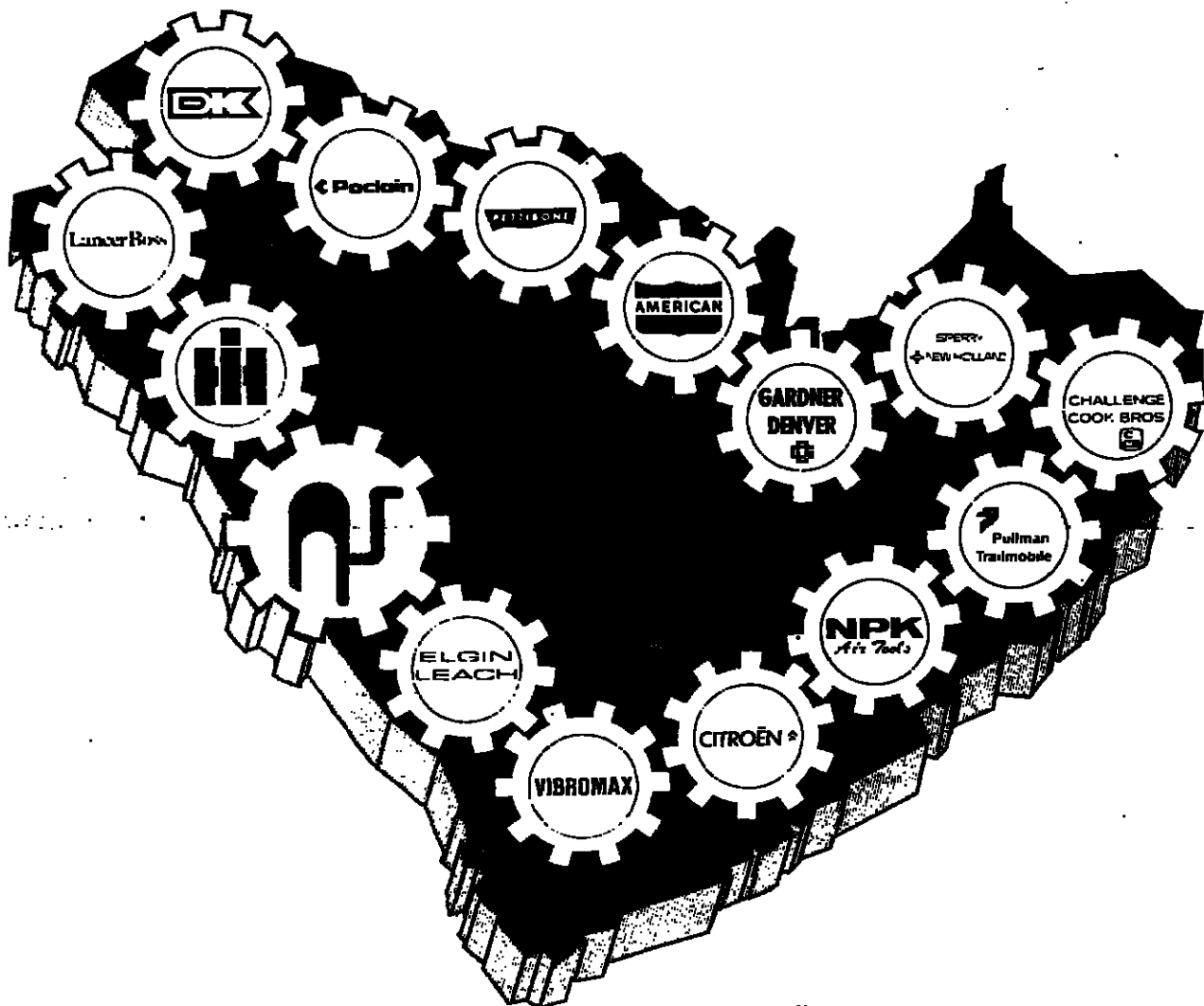
ings, outstanding museums, art collections, theaters and majestic gardens make the Right Bank naturally the host of the largest array of tourist accommodations. Not far from the Pont Neuf on the Right Bank is the most magnificent building in Paris, the Palais de Louvre.

The world's largest royal palace, covering an area of 40 acres it was built continuously from the middle ages to the 19th century making its architecture a veritable history of France. But its real fame lies in its countless and priceless art treasures making it certainly the supreme art gallery and museum in France and possibly in the world. If planning on touring the museum the visitors should wear comfortable shoes and allow themselves plenty of time.



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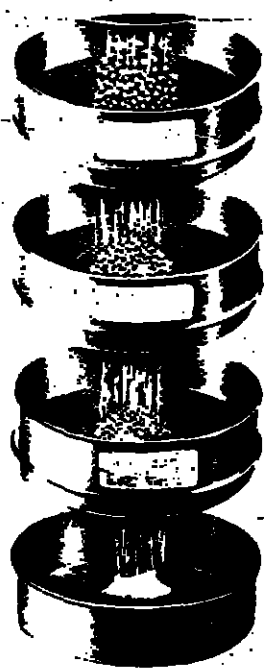
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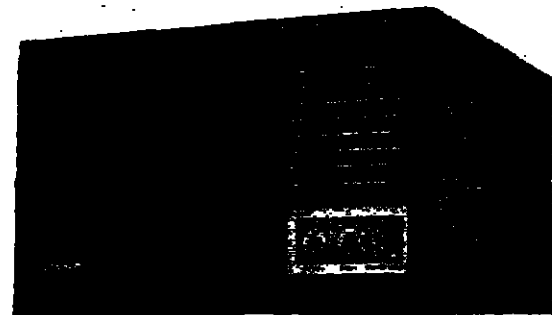
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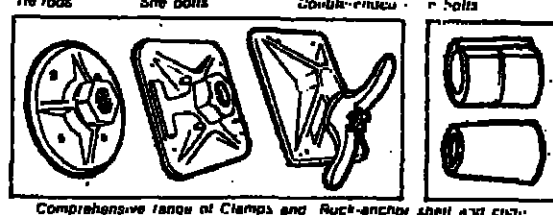
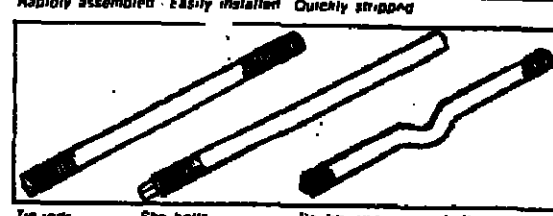
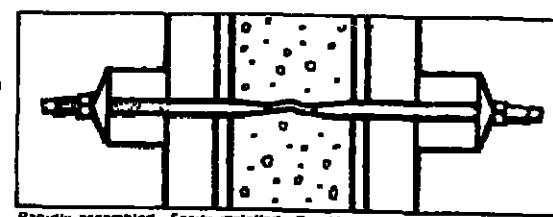
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Fiat's layoff plan sparks unions' call for strikes

TURIN, Italy, Sept. 12 (R) — The Italian Metalworkers' Union has called for strikes throughout all Fiat factories Friday in protest against a plan to axe more than 14,000 jobs.

Unions were told Thursday night that dismissal letters would be sent out to 14,303 workers after a statutory period of 25 days. The move came 24 hours after talks broke down on Fiat's plan to lay off 24,000 workers over 18 months because of a recession in world car sales.

After meeting both sides Thursday Labor Minister Franco Foschi called for fresh talks. Friday, "There is room for resuming the dialogue with the aim of revoking the dismissals," he said.

The Metalworkers' Union, which has been meeting leaders of Italy's three trade union federations, called for a minimum four-hour

stoppage in all Fiat plants. "If Fiat wants a dash with the union, they will have it," one official said.

The strike at the main assembly plants was reported to be 75 to 80 per cent effective, with some white-collar workers joining the walkout.

Fiat has never dismissed workers on the scale currently planned. It has fired small numbers of employees only when they didn't do their jobs properly, a company spokesman said.

The Metalworkers' Union called for immediate government intervention to block the firings.

Fiat said it wants "external mobility of labor," which would mean the 24,000 workers being paid by the state while waiting to be taken on by other firms in the Turin area.

Workers have offered other proposals to cut car stocks and labor costs which Fiat has rejected as inadequate.

Fiat said the union's attitude was "totally negative, incomprehensible and damaging to firms and workers alike." They said official statistics on unemployment in the Turin area showed workers could be absorbed in other industries.

Foschi, calling for new talks, said Fiat seemed still willing to seek agreement on alternative ways to reduce its workforce.

The trade union federations Thursday night reaffirmed their own willingness to reach agreement but warned of a possible escalation of industrial action.

The government meanwhile, is putting finishing touches on a financial package aimed at helping Italy's auto industry. Fiat is expected to get most of a 1.5 trillion lire (\$1.8 billion) industrial aid fund which is part of the government's economic plan.

UAE may raise oil price by \$4

DUBAI, Sept. 12 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates will raise its crude oil price by \$4 a barrel unless the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agrees on price unification, the Dubai newspaper *Al-Bayan* quoted oil industry sources as saying.

In its Tuesday issue, the paper quoted the sources as saying the situation is now "favourable" for unification because of the current oil market glut and marketing difficulties faced by some exporters.

The price hike would bring UAE crude oil price to level with the \$32 a barrel benchmark price decided by OPEC last June. The UAE produces 1.7 million barrels of oil a day.



Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah

Kuwait minister urges reform of monetary system

OXFORD, England, Sept. 12 (R) — Kuwait Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah has called for a reform of the world monetary system which would give the Third World more say in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

He told an energy seminar at Oxford University Thursday night the IMF in particular was primarily serving the industrialized states and both international organizations had failed to meet the needs and requirements of the developing countries.

Sheikh Ali's statement came as preparations for the IMF-World Bank Annual Conference in Washington later this month were already threatened by a dispute over Palestinian representation.

Arab oil states, including Kuwait, are trying in the face of stiff U.S. opposition to obtain observer status at the conference for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Sheikh Ali said developing countries, including the oil producers, should have a larger voting power in the two organizations — a proposal which if implemented might reduce the built-in dominance of the two organizations by the United States and its industrialized partners.

Giving an example of what he considered to be the imbalance of IMF lending policies, Sheikh Ali said that when the organization set up a so-called oil facility a few years ago, one half of the funds came from developing countries including the oil states.

But though the facility was meant to help developing countries, the bulk of the funds in fact went to Western industrialized states, with the lion's share going to Britain and Italy.

Calling on the West to reverse its "dismal record" on aid to developing countries, Sheikh Ali also said that the OPEC states provided 40 per cent of total public aid in the non-Communist countries in the four years 1974-77, with the rest coming from the West.

Yet, he added, the total Gross Domestic Product (GNP) of the Western nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) was 36 times that of total OPEC GNP.

3 Western firms sign accords for oil exploration in Libya

TRIPOLI, Sept. 12 (AP) — Seven years after its outright takeovers of most foreign oil holdings, Libya has signed agreements bringing in three Western companies to help it find more crude.

The revolutionary government led by Col. Muammar Qaddafi is also twisting arms to pressure foreign companies who are already working here to look for more oil, according to industry sources.

Libya needs oil exploration ability from abroad because it's rapidly draining its known petroleum reserves, oil experts say. Unless it finds substantial new fields, Libya, an OPEC member, won't be able to sustain current production of 1.75 million barrels a day beyond the middle of this decade, the experts say.

That would cut into oil revenues of at least \$18 billion this year, which provide virtually all of the funds needed for Qaddafi's plans to develop heavy industry and provide top-level social services.

Spokesmen for Coastal States Gas Corp. of Houston, Texas, the Royal Dutch-Shell Group of Britain and the Netherlands, and the state-owned Deminex Company of West Germany confirmed this week that all three companies have signed new oil exploration agreements with the Libyan government in recent months. The pacts were not publicized at the time they were signed.

Coastal States said it expects to spend \$75 million on exploration, while Shell and Deminex are each putting up the equivalent of at least \$100 million. Libya has also signed much smaller pacts with the Bulgarian and Romanian state oil companies in a bid to diversify its sources of technology, according to industry sources here.

None of the five companies is currently in Libya.

In the early 1970s, Libya was expelling Western oil companies rather than inviting them in. Qaddafi, who seized power in an army coup in 1969, nationalized 100 per cent of British Petroleum's operations in December 1972 and all of Bunker Hunt Oil Co., owned by the Hunt oil family of Texas, in June 1973.

Two months later, Libya took over 51 per cent of the capital of all of the remaining foreign oil companies in Libya.

Oil experts say that the new Western companies are taking a big chance exploring in Libya because little is known about the areas where they will be drilling. "These are all high-risk areas, but the firms are desperate for crude," said one oilman, who asked not to be identified.

Under the new accords, which are technically known as exploration and production sharing agreements, a company loses its entire investment if it doesn't strike oil. Furthermore, the Libyan National Oil Company takes the bulk of the oil, up to 85 per cent in some cases, if the search is successful.

The company does not have to pay taxes or royalties on the oil it keeps, however. That is significant because the two levies currently swallow about 98 per cent of the profit, according to industry estimates.

Libyan officials are strongly urging Western companies that are already here to boost exploration sharply, industry sources say. The government occasionally hints that the companies might face full nationalization if they don't cooperate, the sources say.

The companies are all minority partners with the Libyan government in their ventures here.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Crude oil imports by the European Economic Community (EEC) were 12.5 per cent down in mid-August as against a year earlier, Guido Brunner, commission member for energy has said here. In the first nine months of this year, imports were expected to total 313 million tons, a drop of 44 million below the same period last year.

LONDON, (AFP) — British Airways has given a new twist to the North Atlantic air fare war by reducing the price of its stand by ticket for London to New York from 82 to 77 pounds (about \$185). Hitherto the cheapest fare was available on the Laker Skytrain at 78 pounds. British Airways also announced reductions on several other routes, particularly five pound cuts on flights from London to Miami which will now cost 81 pounds and London to Los Angeles at 108 pounds.

BAGHDAD, (R) — Iraqi Minister of Oil Tayeb Abdul-Karim conferred in Baghdad Thursday with a visiting Japanese parliamentary delegation on cooperation in the oil industry, the Iraqi News Agency reported. The delegation also discussed bilateral relations with the deputy speaker and some members of the Iraqi National Assembly (parliament).

NEW DELHI, (R) — Indian Finance Minister R. Venkataraman said Thursday Iran would take up India's case for cut-price oil supplies at next week's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna. The minister told reporters after returning from three days in Iran that his visit had been very fruitful and Iranian leaders had warmly responded to India's claim as a developing country to receive oil supplies on concessional terms.

LONDON, (AFP) — The cost of living in Britain rose 0.2 per cent in August, the smallest monthly increase since July 1979, it was officially announced Friday. The year-on-year increase was 16.3 per cent as compared with 16.9 per cent in July.

VIENNA, (R) — Romania has decided to slash its defense budget for 1980 by 16 per cent and to spend the money saved by this and other economies on raising living standards, the official news agency Agerpres reported Thursday.

Drought hurting U.S. crops

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Drought and hot weather continued to take a toll of major farm crops in the United States in August, reducing estimated 1980 corn production to 6.53 billion bushels, 16 per cent below last year's record harvest, the Agriculture Department has said.

The new estimate, based on Sept. 1 indications, also was 2 per cent less than the forecast of 6.65 billion bushels issued last month. Corn production last year was 7.76 billion bushels.

Two months ago, based on July 1 surveys, officials estimated 1980 corn production at 7.28 billion bushels. But that was before the full force of this summer's heat and dry weather spread into major crop areas.

Soybean production was indicated at 1.83 billion bushels, down 19 per cent from last year's record of 2.27 billion bushels. Cotton output was estimated at 11.7 million bales, down 20 per cent from last year's crop of 14.6 million bales.

Wheat production was estimated at a record of 2.35 billion bushels, up slightly from last month's estimate.

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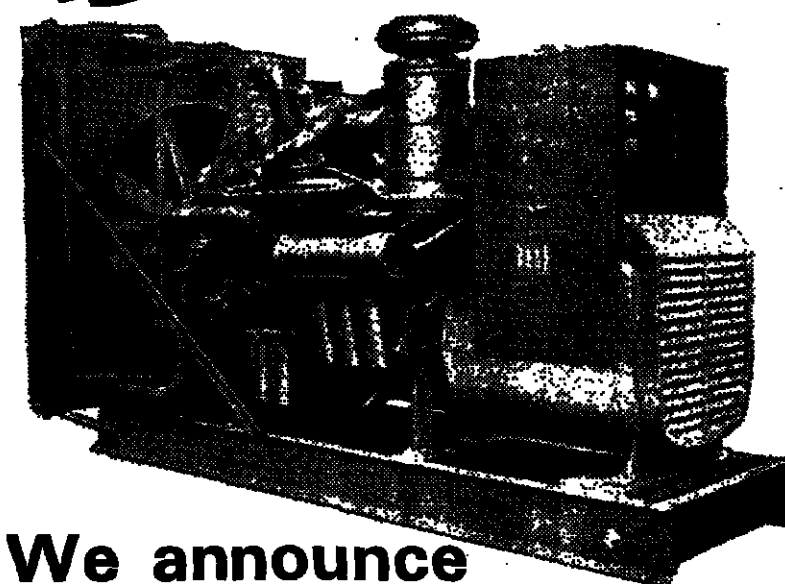
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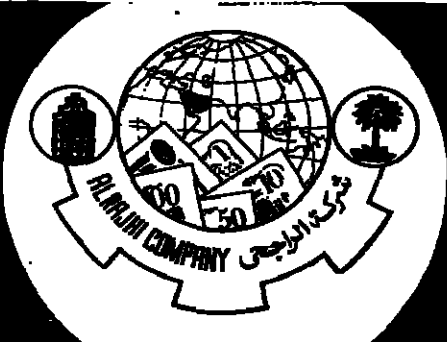
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Scotland, Ireland both win

England downs sad Norway

LONDON, Sept. 12 (R) — England took its first step towards the world soccer cup finals in Spain in 1982 with a 4-0 defeat of Norway in the opening European group four match at Wembley Wednesday.

Two goals by Terry McDermott and one each by Tony Woodcock and Paul Mariner gave England a merited win over a hapless Norwegian side whose best hope of being in Spain in two years time remains in the guise of holiday makers.

England's road to the finals via Hungary, Romania and Switzerland, all of whom have to be faced home and away, is not without dangers.

But manager Ron Greenwood will be well satisfied with the manner of this victory, achieved without his injured star trio, European footballer of the year Kevin Keegan, Trevor Francis and Ray Wilkins.

McDermott's 37th minute opener was a goal to savour. He connected with a Graham Rix free kick on the edge of the penalty area and struck a sweet right-foot volley high into the net past helpless Norwegian goalkeeper Tom Jacobsen.

Woodcock's 68th minute effort, if less spectacular, was no less vital. A through ball by Phil Thompson was knocked down by Mariner and Woodcock had the simple task of sliding the ball home from six meters.

The West German-based Cologne striker would have had his name on the score sheet three times but for two bad first-half misses when clean through with just the goalkeeper to beat.

Norway were unlucky to concede a third just four minutes later when Belgium referee Marcel Van Langenhove awarded England a penalty when Mariner appeared to stumble over the ball as he weaved in on goal.

McDermott showed his guests no mercy, however, and thumped the resultant penalty kick into the net.

Mariner was a constant torment to the tiring Norwegians in the later stages and he completed a good night's work with a superb individual goal just four minutes from time.

That effort was not without cost. Just 60 seconds later he was crudely hacked down by Svein Grondalen, a tackle which earned the Norwegian captain a caution.

Until McDermott's opener England had looked strangely subdued, no doubt still suffering from its inglorious trip to the European championships in Italy earlier in the year.

Meanwhile, in Stockholm a goal by Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan 17 minutes from the end gave Scotland a 1-0 win over Sweden in their European group six world soccer cup qualifying match Wednesday.

He took a pass from Archie Gemmill on the edge of the penalty area and his drive beat goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom inside the far post.

The Swedes had their chances earlier. Goalkeeper Alan Rough turned a close range shot from Thomas Nilsson to safety via his post seven minutes before halftime.

Manager Lars Arnessen said later: "if you look at control of play and scoring chances, we should have won." His Scottish counter-

part Jock Stein, said his team had done what he expected and he was optimistic about their future in the group. He praised Strachan for his goal but was even more pleased with mid-field veteran Gemmill.

With 10 minutes to go, the Scots sent on Tottenham striker Steve Archibald for Liverpool star Delgish. At the same time the Swedes replaced Erlandsson by Peter Nilsson but the slim Scottish lead remained.

In a tentative first half, with both teams anxious above all to contain their opponents, goal chances were scarce.

Two minutes before halftime, Scotland's Willie Miller let fly from outside the penalty area but his shot flew over the bar.

In Dublin the bold gamble of playing Mark Lawrenson out of position paid off for the Republic of Ireland when the Brighton defender dived forward to head an 84th minute winner against Netherlands, in the group two World Cup qualifying match in Dublin also on Wednesday.

His goal came six minutes after Coventry's Gerry Daly had kept the Republic's World Cup dreams very much alive with a 78th minute goal against the once great Dutchmen.

The Irish were undeservedly trailing to Simon Tahamata's 57th minute goal, when Grealish's attempted one-two with Stapleton ran on for an unmarked Daly to score from 15 yards, with a low drive.

Then Lawrenson, switched to midfield as part of the Republic's attacking policy, dived forward to make Lansdowne Road erupt as he headed home Liam Brady's free kick.

It was a disappointment for the Dutch, runners up in the last two World Cups but now fielding an experimental team in an attempt to halt their rapid slide down the world ratings.

The Irish had made a lively start, Stapleton shooting wide and Brady, now with Juventus, forcing a good save out of debut goalkeeper Joop Hiele. But they had a 14th minute scare when Frans Thijssen, the Ipswich Dutchman, scooped Peters' center onto the crossbar.

Most of the Irish impetus in midfield came from Luton's Tony Grealish, as Brady's touch was foiled by the blustery conditions.

But the Dutch started the second half well. Fulham goalkeeper Gerry Peyton palming shots from Spellos and Peters around the post. The Irish cleared off the line by Thijssen, just before the Dutch took the lead.

Mierlo seemed to have overrun the ball into the Irish area but found some extra pace to knock it away from Peyton's grasp, leaving Tahamata with a simple chance in front of an empty goal.

Hiele superbly tipped over a shot from Grealish and Brady cut past a line of defenders before hooking his shot over. It seemed as if the Irish fightback was in vain but eventually manager Eoin Hand's attacking policy paid off.

In Luxembourg, Wednesday Yugoslavia crushed Luxembourg 5-0 in another World Cup soccer qualifier, but only after the mainly amateur home side had kept the scoreline blank before half-time.

Playing in pouring rain at Luxembourg's municipal stadium, the visitors moved onto the attack from the start. A powerful shot from an unmarked Vladimir Petrovic hit the post after two minutes.

Luxembourg then did well to contain the Yugoslavs up to the interval but began to buckle soon after the restart.

Safet Susic opened the scoring in the 50th minute with a solo effort. Zlatko Vujovic then made it 2-0 after 64 minutes and Petrovic headed the third five minutes later.

Vujovic returned to put in the fourth and Ivan Buljan made it 5-0 in the last minute of the match to seal the Yugoslavs' expected victory.



ENGLAND SCORER: Terry McDermott, who scored twice for England; here moves past Anderlecht player Ludo Goeck in a pre-season friendly.

Flag-stealing British rugby culprit cleared

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Sept. 12 (AP) — A prosecutor asked this week that British rugby player William A. Anderson be sentenced to two years in prison for stealing an Argentine flag.

Anderson, 25, of the Keno-based Penguins team, was arrested Aug. 11 after taking the banner from a flag pole on a government building. He was freed on the equivalent of \$3,150 Aug. 26 to await judgement for the charge of disrespect for a national symbol. Three teammates were acquitted of the same charges.

Prosecutor Sie de Martini told Judge Martin Anzoategui in written arguments that Anderson showed "contempt for the hospitality our country gave him" by his "arrogant attitude" with policemen who retrieved the stolen souvenir from his hotel room.

Defense attorney Ricardo Molinas said Anderson meant no disrespect and asked the judge to set him free, or to impose a token sentence of no more than one month in prison. "It should be enough that the commotion caused by this incident in Argentina has died down," he said.

Partially-blinded man loses court hearing

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AFP) — A rugby team captain was cleared today from criminal liability for punching a rival player during a "local derby" game, blinding him in one eye.

As he left the court for a party to celebrate the verdict, 31-year-old Gordon Dobie said: "The last few months have been murder."

Dobie said he felt "very sorry" for Anthony Higley, 23, a Stourbridge forward and former England Colts skipper — but added "I think cases like this damage the game."

Southampton, Ipswich facing league upsets

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Ipswich and Southampton, unbeaten joint-leaders of the English First Division soccer standings, both face tricky away trips Saturday.

Ipswich has to travel to London to play youthful Crystal Palace, while Southampton plays Norwich City at Carrow Road.

Palace and Norwich have both made disappointing starts to the season but are dangerous opponents, particularly at home.

Southampton could be without the injured Kevin Keegan for its visit to East Anglia but manager Lawrie McMenemy is at pains to point out that a team effort has put Southampton in the top spot.

"Southampton have been evolving over a period of time," said the tough Georgie. "We have not just arrived on the scene because of one man. We have a team with a lot of good players and a lot of alternatives."

Southampton also showed plenty of spirit in recovering from an amazing 7-1 league cup defeat against Watford to crush Brighton 3-1 last Saturday.

Ipswich's form has been excellent in the opening weeks of the season and opposing managers have not been shy about praising Bobby Robson's team.

"I rate Ipswich better than (champions) Liverpool on current form," said Middlesbrough boss John Neal.

Robson, a Georgie like McMenemy, remains cautious.

"It is very nice to be on top of the league, but these are early days," he said. "I'd rather

wait until we have played a dozen matches and then review the situation."

Ipswich has averaged two goals a game in its opening five encounters. Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil play as twin strikers with Eric Gates operating just behind.

Gates' own form was acknowledged by England manager Ron Greenwood, who included the diminutive forward in his team.

One-million pound striker Clive Allen has been an outstanding success for Crystal Palace.

Allen, discarded by Arsenal without having played a competitive match, has already scored five goals for the south London team. There remains a suspicion that Palace lack players of real quality. Goalkeeper Paul Barron has conceded 14 goals in five league matches and striker Mike Flanagan is not finding the net.

"We've had a run of injuries, which has been unsettling," said assistant manager Allan Harris. "There is no problem really. We have been playing quite well and creating chances."

Sunderland and Aston Villa, bracketed together on seven points, are both at home.

Ken Knighton's Sunderland entertain northeast rivals Middlesbrough and Ron Saunders' potentially explosive Villa combination is at home to Everton. Both home teams should pick up full points.

Liverpool, struggling to find its form, meets another out-of-form side, West Bromwich, at Anfield.

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Watson belts grand slam

New York roars past Red Sox 8-5

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (AP) — Bob Watson belted his first American League grand slam and then doubled across the tie-breaking run in the 10th inning Thursday, powering the New York Yankees to an 8-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox. With their 10th triumph in the last 11 games, the Yankees remained three games ahead of Baltimore in the American League East as the Orioles defeated Toronto 6-1. Watson unloaded his bases-loaded homer, Bob Stanley the second of five Boston chasers, in the sixth inning. Then, after the Red Sox had rallied with three runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings to pull into a 5-5 tie, the Yankees stepped on reliever Tom Burgmeier for three runs in the 10th. Oscar Gamble started the rally by reaching



Bob Watson

Bucs beat Rams in last seconds

TAMPA, Sept. 12 (AP) — Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach John McKay said his team's top-ranked National Football League offense didn't perform as well as he would have liked Thursday night, but in the end it did the job done in a 10-9 win over the Los Angeles Rams. "We've played LA three games and they haven't scored a touchdown yet," said McKay. "Holding them without a touchdown was the big factor." The Rams and Bucs played twice in 1979 with Tampa Bay winning 21-6 in the regular season and Los Angeles capturing the NFC championship with a 9-0 shutout. The Rams, sparked by 191 yards passing by quarterback Vince Ferragamo, rolled up 160 total yards on offense to just 186 by Tampa Bay Thursday night, but could manage just three field goals.

first on an error. Joe Lefebvre, attempting to sacrifice, forced Gamble at second but Watson followed with a double to right-center, scoring Lefebvre. Watson took third on the throw to the plate and scored on Rick Cerone's single. Cerone came around on singles by Fred Stabile and Aurelio Rodriguez, shelling Burgmeier, 5-4. Ron Davis, the fourth New York pitcher, collected the victory, his seventh in 10 decisions. Steve Stone won his 23rd game of the season, scattering eight hits to lead Baltimore over Toronto. It was the fifth straight victory for the Orioles, who supported Stone with eight walks, four stolen bases and 11 hits, four of them singles by Al Bumbry. Stone, the winningest pitcher in the American League with a 23-6 record, struck seven and walked four in going the distance the ninth time this season. A scheduled afternoon contest between Milwaukee and Minnesota was rained out. In the National League, Bert Blyleven fired a five-hitter and Omar Moreno tripled home a run and scored on Bill Madlock's sacrifice fly to give the Pittsburgh Pirates a 2-1 triumph the St. Louis Cardinals. Dick Ruthven scattered eight hits in eight innings and scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Bake McBride as the Philadelphia Phillies beat New York 5-1, extending

Baseball Standings

National League					
	W	L	PCT	GB	
Montreal	77	63	.550	—	
Philadelphia	76	63	.547	1/2	
Pittsburgh	74	67	.525	3 1/2	
St. Louis	62	77	.446	14 1/2	
New York	59	81	.421	18 1/2	
Chicago	54	85	.388	22 1/2	
American League					
	W	L	PCT	GB	
Houston	79	60	.568	—	
Los Angeles	79	60	.568	—	
Chicago	77	63	.550	2 1/2	
Atlanta	71	68	.511	8	
San Francisco	67	72	.482	12	
San Diego	62	78	.443	17 1/2	
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Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1					
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the Mets' losing streak to 12 games — their longest since 1963. Gary Carter, Warren Cromartie and Larry Parrish delivered run-scoring doubles as the Montreal Expos scored four unearned runs in the first inning and went on to a 6-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs. In a late AL game on the West Coast, Willie Aikens had two hits, including a two-run homer, to help the Kansas City Royals snap a three-game losing streak with a 7-2 victory over the California Angels.



Steve Stone

Palmer, team set for Japan match

TOKYO, Sept. 12 (AP) — Arnold Palmer, a veteran pro, will lead a strong American nine-man team to the 10th annual U.S.-Japan golf match in Japan Nov. 6-9, the sponsors have announced. The 72-hole tournament, with total prize money of \$153,600, will be played over the 6,213-meter, par 72 Sports Shinko country club course in western Japan. Japan leads the series, which started in 1971, 6-3. Palmer, who will be back for the annual event after an absence of six years, will meet Isao Aoki, Japan's top golfer, for the second time in almost two months. Last August at Edmonton, Canada, Palmer beat Aoki by one stroke in the \$100,000 International Golf Classic. Other members of the American team include Jerry Pate, Ben Crenshaw, John Ford, Jack Lenner and Andy North. The Japanese team, captained by Teuro Sugihara, is composed of Aoki, Masashi Ozaki, Norio Suzuki, Masaji Kusakabe, Haruo Yasuda, Tsuneyuki Nakajima, Fujio Kobayashi and Yoshitaka Yamamoto. Aoki finished second to Jack Nicklaus in this year's U.S. Open while Ozaki took the Fuji Sankai Open golf tournament with a one-stroke victory over Graham Marsh of Australia last May. In the team event scores of the low eight players will be counted each day, while the individual event is the normal 72-hole medal play format.

Navratilova tops women's earnings

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. 12 (AP) — The top ten money winners on the women's tennis tour through the U.S. Open, as provided on the Women's Tennis Association:

1. Martina Navratilova	\$563,200
2. Tracy Austin	\$477,030
3. Chris Evert Lloyd	\$291,043
4. Billie Jean King	\$233,177
5. Evonne Goolagong	
Cawley	\$186,880
6. Wendy Turnbull	\$166,879
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CLINCH: Sugar Ray Leonard, right, shows the strain of nine rounds in the Montreal ring with Roberto Duran earlier this summer. Leonard lost the title to Duran, but a rematch is in the works.

Duran-Leonard rematch surrounded by turmoil

PANAMA CITY, Sept. 12 (AP) — World Boxing Council welterweight champion Roberto Duran says he will give former titleholder Sugar Ray Leonard a rematch Nov. 25. But Leonard's Attorney, Mike Trainer, this week said final agreement on another Duran-Leonard fight was "not firm. It is not extremely close." And in Washington, another figure in the Leonard camp, long-time trainer Dave Jacobs, said he is terminating his relationship with the fighter because he disagrees with a decision that Leonard's next fight should be against Duran. In a television interview from Panama City, Duran confirmed rumors that he again would fight Leonard, whom he defeated in a unanimous decision June 20 in Montreal. The champion did not say where the fight would be held. Trainer said Duran's demands had been met and the bout was virtually set for Nov. 25 in the Astrodome in Houston. However, he said promoter Don King entered the negotiations and confused everything by convincing Duran's manager, Carlos Elea, not to sign. "The fight is kind of stalled right now,"

Unknown Jaeckel grabs golf lead

PINEHURST, N. C., Sept. 12 (AP) — Barry Jaeckel, a distant 117th on the season's money-winning list, once chipped in for a birdie and didn't make a bogey in a 5-under-par 66 that staked him to the first-round lead Thursday in the \$250,000 Hall of Fame golf tournament. Jaeckel, whose only victory in six years of PGA tour activity came in the 1978 Tallahassee Open, opened up a two-stroke lead over Howard Twiss, Mike White, and Low Nielsen, tied at 68 with a score of 73-111, a shocking nine strokes off the pace at 73-111. The group at 69 included Ben Crenshaw, Terry Mauney, Ron Streck, Jon Chaffee, Scott Simpson, Peter Oosterhuis of England

Vilas breezes to tennis win in Palermo

PALERMO, Sicily, Sept. 12 (AP) — Top-ranked Guillermo Vilas of Argentina easily downed Italy's Marco Alciati 6-0, 6-1 Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the Sicilian Grand Prix tennis championships. Vilas was scheduled to face another Italian, Gianni Ocleppo, on Friday. Ocleppo advanced by beating Jai Dillouie of the U.S. 6-0, 7-2, 6-2, in a seesaw match. Italy's Adriano Panatta rallied after going down 3-0 in the second set to beat Hungary's Balazs Taroczy 6-1, 6-3. Marco Armellini of Italy beat Ecuador's Ricardo Ycaza 7-6, 3-6, 7-5 in a hard-fought match. Italy's Franco Merloni, who upset Australia's Rod Frawley on Wednesday, was scheduled to face Australia's Phil Dent on Friday.

Meanwhile, in Florida, the top seeded team of Stan Smith and Bob Lutz, among the top-ranked singles players in the world during the late 60s and early 70s, pulled off a come-from-behind victory Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of a \$175,000 men's doubles tennis tournament. Smith and Lutz defeated Fritz Buchning and Ferdi Taygan, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3. Defending champions Marty Riessen and Sherwood Stewart narrowly achieved their second victory Thursday. Second-seeded Riessen and Stewart defeated Bill Bailey and John Whelinger in a mid-day match, 7-6, 6-3. The team scored their first victory Wednesday over Peter Renner and Robert Van Thoff 6-4, 6-4. In another late match, Francisco Gonzalez and Ray Moore upset No. 3 seeds Bab Lewitt and Frew McMillan 6-4, 6-4. Victor Amaya and Hank Pfister defeated Bob Scanlon and Dick Stockton 6-3, 7-5.

Mayer, Nastase, Lendl dominate Sao Paulo play

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Sept. 12 (AP) — Gene Mayer of the United States led Group I, and Romania's Ilie Nastase and Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl shared the Group II lead, each with 2-0 records, after the second round of a \$125,000 International Tennis Tournament Wednesday. The title in the four-day tourney is to be determined Friday between the winners of the two groups. After the second round in Group I, Eddie Dibbs of the United States and Brazil's Thomas Koch shared second place with 1-1 marks. Czechoslovakia's Tomas Smid had a 0-2 record. In Group II, Jan Kodes, Czech, and Carlos Kirmayr, a Brazilian, each had two losses. In the second round, Dibbs beat Smid 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. Mayer defeated Koch 6-3, 7-6. Nastase overcame Kirmayr 2-6, 7-6, 6-4 and Lendl downed Kodes 6-4, 6-2.

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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

Your right-hand opponent deals and bids Three Diamonds, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠AQJ7 ♥AJ63 ○4 ♣KQ82
2. ♠Q96 ♥A94 ○KJ73 ♣A86
3. ♠AKQ84 ♥AJ5 ○K6 ♣K9
4. ♠AQJ8 ♥KQJ7 ○— ♣AQ74
5. ♠AKJ973 ♥KQ ○10 ♣KJ95

1. Double. The chief purpose of a preemptive bid is to cramp the bidding and make it difficult for the enemy to reach their best contract. Certainly this aim is frequently achieved, and there is nothing unusual about the opponents getting to a bad contract as a result, or in their being completely frozen out of the bidding by the preempt.

The best method of defense against a preemptive bid is to bid naturally. Double for takeout, overall in accordance with your values, and, most important of all, pass when it is unsafe to compete. Here, the double is clearly best. You have too much strength to pass, and it would be dead wrong to overcall with a four-card suit.

2. Pass. Any other action would be fraught with danger, since your left-hand opponent may have most or all of the missing high-card strength and you have no safe place to land.

3. Three notrump. This may seem radical, but it is likely to be the winning bid. Other possibilities are three spades (which is ultra-conservative), double (which tends to skirt the issue), or four spades (which is more decisive but may not work out as well as three notrump).

Partner requires very little to produce nine tricks in notrump, but needs a fairly good hand for ten tricks in spades. Admittedly, partner may have a hand that would make game in spades and not in notrump, but the best you can do is estimate which type of hand he will be dealt more frequently.

4. Four diamonds. The cuebid, forcing partner to choose the trump suit, is easily the best bid to make. Four diamonds strongly invites a slam, and you have all the values suggested by the cuebid.

5. Four spades. The choice lies between three or four spades, and either one could turn out right. Certainly you shouldn't bet your life on making four spades, but that is not the proper test. One of the key factors is how often you would lose a game by bidding only three spades. Nobody has the exact answer to this, so maybe the right solution is to bid either three or four, depending on the state of your exuberance at the moment.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
You have good intentions about a work project, but delays may interfere with its implementation. P.M. finds you adventurous.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
A planned pleasure outing may not live up to expectations. The behavior of others could be a factor. Watch arguments with close ones.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Domestic problems could try your patience or get you down. P.M. brings renewed energy. Wait till then to begin important projects.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
A time not to take things for granted. State your views clearly to avoid misunderstandings. Enjoy a night out on the town.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
Be careful shopping or you could pick up a faulty item. Be considerate of family members. It won't take much for a flare-up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Errors in communication possible. Someone doesn't show up on time and this throws you off-achar the Avoid arguments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Be careful that you don't lose a valuable Safeguard possessions. Watch impulse buys. Privacy brings serenity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
You're self-confident, but don't be a show-off. Outlandish behavior at a party could prove embarrassing. Safeguard reputation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Much ado about nothing. You may be suspicious or prone to over-react about a trifle. A time to mind your own business. Don't waste energy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
You may expect to meet someone important at a gathering, but instead could run into a bluffer. Watch out for those who flatter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Big plans could come to naught. By day's end you may have to revise goals. Counting on your own initiative is the best bet.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
A close ally could be over-enthusiastic. Be there if a let-down comes. Travel may not go exactly according to your plans.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Affect with 42 Make fast emotion
- 5 Breakfast dish
- 11 Herald
- 12 Medical solution
- 13 Hang
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- 15 One kind of trip
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- 39 Rational
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Explosions rock Manila; 1 killed

MANILA, Sept. 12 (AP) — Seven bomb explosions rocked metropolitan Manila in a span of two hours Friday, killing at least one person, identified as a woman from New York City, and wounding about 30 others, police said. Several of the wounded were also foreigners.

Police said earlier two persons died in the biggest blast at a suburban Manila department store but medical authorities said one woman, identified as Annie Kosmuk, died.

A little-known group calling itself "The

Gold reaches 7-month high

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — The price of gold zoomed up by as much as \$20 an ounce in early trading on Europe's bullion markets Friday to reach its highest level in 7 months. The dollar firmed against most key currencies. The London afternoon fixing was at \$685.50.

Bullion traded in Zurich, Europe's main gold market, at \$696.50 an ounce: \$20 up on Thursday's close.

That was gold's highest mark since it hit \$697.50 in Zurich Feb. 12. The all-time peak for bullion was \$835, set mid-January.

Gold opened in Zurich Friday at \$694.50. In London, the opening level was \$695.50. That was \$15.50 up on Thursday's close. Brokers reported "very, very active trading."

Silver also advanced, opening in London at \$22.05 an ounce, \$2.35 better than Thursday's close.

Two held in London jewel heist

CHICAGO, Sept. 12 (R) — Two Americans seized by federal agents as they stepped off a non-stop flight from Britain have been charged with conspiracy to commit Thursday's \$2.4 million jewel robbery in London, police said. The men had no jewels or weapons on them when they were arrested at Chicago's O'Hare Airport the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

In the London robbery two armed, well-dressed men walked into a fashionable jewelry store ordered the staff at gunpoint to lie on the floor, selected 20 of the most expensive pieces, including the prized 45-carat Marlborough diamond, valued at \$960,000 and then drove off. FBI sources said a car was apparently traced to two men who boarded the British Airways flight to Chicago. Scotland Yard then tipped off the FBI.

The FBI named the two suspects as Joseph Scialise, 42 and Arthur Rachel, 42, both of Chicago.

April 6 Liberation Movement" immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks on the store, four government buildings, including the Ministry of Labor and the government's propaganda arm, and two private buildings.

The group professes opposition to President Ferdinand Marcos, who has ruled the Philippines under martial law he imposed eight years ago.

Most of the injured foreigners were at the Russian's Department Store in suburban Makati, frequented by foreign nationals living and working in Manila. Of the 14 taken to the Makati Medical Center, two were identified as Denise Thomas, 33, of Kent, England, and her 2-year-old son, Gareth, who were both undergoing operations. A third foreigner, apparently a Japanese identified as Tamaichi Matsumoto.

Mrs. Thomas' husband, David, 52, an executive of British Petroleum, said at the hospital his wife and son were in no danger but had to undergo operations for wounds all over their bodies. He said the boy almost lost a finger and fractured two bones in his foot. Thomas said his wife told him she and Mrs. Kosmuk, whose husband is an executive with an engineering company called Garlock, were shopping together in the store's basement supermarket when suddenly everything blew up in their faces and she couldn't find her little boy in the smoke.

Friday's attacks were the worst since the present bomb scare in metropolitan Manila started with 11 generally harmless bomb explosions in government and private buildings, including two movie theaters, Aug. 22 and 25. All of those bombings were claimed to have been carried out by the same movement.



Kim Dae-Jung

Kim cohort says police used torture

SEOUL, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — A Presbyterian pastor said at a military trial of 24 leading South Korean dissidents Friday that his captors tortured him into making a confession.

Lee Hae-Dong, accused of joining a Communist-inspired plot led by former presidential candidate Kim Dae-Jung, told the court that he was being prosecuted on the basis of a false statement extracted after he was beaten by his interrogators, foreign observers at the trial said. "As a pastor, I am ashamed to have made a false statement in the course of interrogation," they quoted him as saying. "But I was so badly beaten for days and said yes where I should have said No."

The defendants' face prison terms ranging from three to 20 years while Kim Dae-Jung, South Korea's best-known opposition leader, could be hanged if found guilty of plotting to overthrow the government.

The military prosecution demanded the death penalty for Kim Thursday as his court-martial resumed after a five-day recess.

Chief Prosecutor Army Lt. Colonel Chung Ki-Yong said that the 56-year-old top opponent of the government should be harshly condemned by the nation for committing the "unpardonable" crime of endangering national survival in the face of North Korean threat of aggression.

He said that Kim plotted to seize power by toppling the government through student agitation. He accused Kim of unhesitatingly collaborating with pro-Communist elements to further his political goals of grabbing power.

Labelling Kim an opportunist and demagogue, the military prosecutor urged that he be executed. Kim was arrested on May 17 when martial law was proclaimed throughout the country amid violent anti-government demonstrations calling for democratization.

He was subsequently indicted for military trial charged with plotting rebellion and with having headed an anti-state subversive organization based in Japan since 1973.

The three-man defense counsel contested against the prosecution charges that Kim plotted rebellion to overthrow the government, and led the anti-state organization. "Under martial law how could students topple the government," asked the defense lawyer Uih Kyung-Man.

He also challenged the validity of statements his client made to the prosecution during a long period of detention.

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for the sake of fulfilling national and humanitarian objectives on our soil and the establishment of the pan-Arab force capable of deterring the Zionist element."

The Soviet news agency Tass also hailed the planned merger calling the joining of the two Arab states "an important event" for both countries and the entire Arab nation.

In the first substantive Soviet reaction to the merger proposal, Tass said "it can be confidently stated that the provisions enshrined in the (merger plan) are a major step among the road of consolidation of the progressive forces in the Arab world."

Following is the text of the merger declaration: "Starting from the basic principles in which the Arab masses throughout the Arab world believe and which are embodied in the realization of Arab unity, socialism and liberation of the occupied Arab lands, and with a firm belief that Arab unity is the inevitable fate of this nation and its salvation from all its problems."

"And in accordance with the resolutions of the regional (Syrian) and national (pan-Arab) committees of the Arab Socialist Party, and the resolutions of the people's committees in the Popular Socialist Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in their extraordinary meeting in 1980."

"The two revolutionary leaderships in the two countries proclaim the establishment of a single state on the following bases:

1. A single state with complete sovereignty over the two regions (countries) and with a single international entity, which will seek to realize political, economic, military and cultural unity, as well as unity in all other spheres.
2. This (new) state will have its own popular democratic institutions, which would permit the masses to exercise their full role in building their society and future by shouldering their responsibilities on the basis of the principle that all authority is vested with the people. The single state will strive to build the unified Arab socialist society, where all authority is vested with the people through its popular democratic institutions. This is in order to get rid of all forms of domination, exploitation and tyranny."
3. The comprehensive Arab revolution is a perpetual and continuing necessity to realize the aims of the Arab nation in a unified Arab socialist society of the masses. The

revolution in this (new) state is part of the overall Arab revolution. Its policies in all fields spring from the general strategy of this revolution.

"4. All accomplishments of any single Arab state under conditions of divisionism will remain short of achieving their ultimate goals, and exposed to dangers and setbacks, unless they are reinforced by Arab unity. Therefore, the danger that threatens any part of the Arab nation will also threaten the entire Arab world."

"5. The building of socialism, in addition to the fact that it is a necessary arising from the needs of the Arab society, is also a means for mobilizing the potentials of the masses in the battle for unity against Zionism, imperialism, reaction and backwardness."

"Therefore, the struggle for building socialism is a basic task in the new state."

"6. This (new) state constitutes a base for the Arab revolutionary movement."

"7. This state is a base and a tool for confronting the Zionist presence in the Arab homeland and the liberation of Palestine."

"8. The Arab masses are the shield of this state. The revolutionary forces are the tool for realizing its aims and carrying out its strategy."

"9. This state, being a base for confronting Zionism, imperialism and reaction, is also a base for the Palestinian Arab struggle and revolution, because it is a principal partner in the Arab revolutionary forces."

"10. This state will work to consolidate the steadfastness and confrontation front, which is a main center of steadfastness and confrontation against the parties of Camp David, represented by American imperialism, the Zionist enemy and the agent regime of Egypt."

"11. This state will strive to have all Arab potentials, human, economic and military resources deployed in the arena of the Arab-Zionist conflict."

"12. This state is a nucleus for the comprehensive Arab unity. Consequently, it is open for any other Arab state that desires to join it and adhere to its principles."

"13. This state is part of the world's national liberation movements and an ally of the socialist forces in the world struggling against Zionism, racism, imperialism and colonialism as well as against all forms of exploitation and tyranny."

"The revolutionary leaderships in Syria and Libya, while they proclaim to the Arab nation these historical principles, affirm that this state will be the state of all the Arabs. It will struggle to serve their causes, and fight for their goals and build for their future, with the belief in that

Officers protest

Soviets disarm Afghans

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 12 (AP) — A reliable report from Afghanistan Friday confirmed that heavy and sophisticated weapons were being removed from the defection-ridden Afghan army, apparently because of Soviet fears the equipment might end up in the hands of freedom fighters.

President Babrak Karmal's submission to the Soviet order was seen as sowing the seeds for a serious rift between the regime and previously-loyal military officers, said Western diplomatic sources.

Several senior officers, including Gen. Baba Jan and Lt. Col. Gul Aka, were admitted to the 400-bed military hospital in the Wazir Akbar section of Kabul on Tuesday, the sources quoted informed Afghan residents as saying. Gul Aka a revolutionary council member, was said to have suffered a heart attack.

But diplomatic observers in the capital believed the officers were not ill but rather manifesting their anger over the removal of important military equipment from the army.

It was not known here whether anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons, which are eagerly sought by the insurgents were among the arms taken from Afghan units.

Meanwhile, fighting was continuing in Herat and Kandahar, both important provincial capitals, and the strategic Panjshir Valley, north of Kabul, according to Afghan and

Canaletto show set

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AFP) — The world's largest collection of works by the 18th-century Venetian painter Canaletto, owned by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, will be on view to the public in Buckingham Palace from Dec. 5, a palace spokesman said.

The collection, comprising some 50 canvases and 150 drawings, was acquired by the queen's ancestor, King George III (1738-1820). Some of them were sold to the king by the British consul in Venice, Joseph Smith, one of the painter's patrons.

Poles announce nationwide union

WARSAW, Sept. 12 (R) — Polish worker leaders announced plans for the establishment of a nation-wide free trade union organization which would exclude Communist Party officials from union posts.

The plans were made public at a press conference only a few hours after the head of the official trade union council pledged wide-ranging reforms to his Communist-controlled organization, saying it would take its cue from free trade unions in recommending strikes if talks failed.

The rival press conferences by trade union council chief Romuald Jankowski, a member of the Communist Party central committee, and leaders of the budding new independent labor movement appeared to foreshadow a protracted tug-of-war over the loyalty of the Polish worker.

As Communists and independent trade unionists outlined rival plans for the future, strikes were reported continuing in a number of major enterprises across Poland, including one of its biggest sulphur mines at Tarnobrzeg in the south.

unity is the path of dignity and honor for the whole nation. "They also declare that they will meet again to draw out the plans and procedures for carrying out these principles, build the unitary state and establish its popular institutions."

"Apart from the above proclamation, the two leaders also issued the following set of 'resolutions':"

"In accordance with the decision of the regional (Syrian) and national (pan-Arab) committees of the Arab Socialist Party dated Sept. 2, 1980, and with the resolutions of the people's committees in the Popular Socialist Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in their extraordinary meeting between Sept. 2nd and 9th 1980 the revolutionary leaderships in Syria and Libya declare the following:

"1. Establishment of a single state comprising Syria and Libya. Authority in it is vested with the people."

"2. This state has full sovereignty over the two Arab regions (countries). It will have a single international entity."

"3. The leaderships in the two regions will form a single revolutionary leadership."

"4. The unitary state will have a national (pan-Arab) congress."

"5. The unitary state will have a single executive authority."

"6. The revolutionary leadership in the two regions will meet within a month to formulate the decisions and draw out the procedures for implementing this resolution."

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credentials in order to get the most votes. "There is a definite majority," he explained, "but we would like to have as broad a consensus as possible in whatever action we take."

Maksoud said foreign ministers of 19 of the 21 countries in the Arab League would attend the assembly and hold a meeting in New York.

He said the Arabs wanted the assembly's annual debates on Palestine and the Middle East to be held after their own summit meeting in Amman, Jordan Nov. 29.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

The livelier the battle for the presidential election in America becomes the more I find myself thinking of that saying by the great Islamic Caliph Omar: "We do not place into position of command those who seek it." I wonder what he would say of the shameless, no-holds-barred seeking that is the mark of present-day politics?

The American public itself, it appears, is not a little bemused. A political commentator was quoted as saying that you can't really trust someone who spends two years of his life scheming to get the presidency, and this is assuredly much less than both Carter and Reagan have spent. The two gentlemen, to say the least, are questionable. It takes a strange bird indeed to seek with such enthusiasm a thankless task such as the presidency.

Of the two front-runners, the stranger bird is certainly Ronald Reagan. Some people are saying that it will take a Reagan presidency to make people appreciate the merits of Carter — and even of Richard Nixon. The man is clearly a walking disaster — an actor who never really made it into the big time, still thinks he is old B movies. His present "script," it is clear, is no improvement on the older ones.

The view of Reagan now is that if there is any mistake possible then he will make it. His list already impressive. There was the now celebrated "China" after, when he promised and then unpromised to recognize Taiwan once he was elected.

Then there was his Klu Klux Klan gaffe, when the dwellers of a certain town in Alabama were startled to learn from the Republican nominee that their town was the birthplace of that dread organization. The fact that the Klan started in an entirely different state Tennessee did not matter to him. It did to the Alabamians.

This propensity to error will become really worrying if he goes to the White House. For while the errors of such as the president of the republic of Vanuatu are tolerable, those of the president of the U.S. of A. with his finger constantly on the red button, are not. A miscalculation there would end all miscalculations in this vale of tears.

It's frightening to think that Reagan, ever playing according to script (such, indeed, as his scripts were) will soon find himself alone, under the limelight, having to ad lib. The mind boggles — that's all it can do.

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